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## Town's Eyes & Ears Focus On Riverside's Casino

### Park's Survival; Quality Of Life, Aired At Hearing

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Attorney Anthony Bonavita kept the lid on a potentially explosive situation as supporters and opponents of the proposal to build a casino/resort complex at Riverside Park expressed their strongly held and diametrically opposed views at a public hearing on Tuesday, October 18th.

As chairman of the Citizens Committee on Casino Gambling, Bonavita set the tone in his opening remarks, calling on the 300 residents gathered in the Middle School auditorium to behave like ladies and gentlemen and to refrain from making personal attacks on the opposition or engaging in booing or cheering the speakers.

"We'd like to show Hampden County we can conduct ourselves in a professional manner," Bonavita said.

Bonavita interrupted the hearing several times to warn the audience against applause and even threatened at one point to terminate the hearing. With emotions running high, the precaution of stationing a police officer at the door may have helped to keep the meeting from degenerating into the free-for-all seen at a similar hearing in Springfield.

As expected, each side presented what are becoming familiar arguments as residents of Agawam and Springfield prepare for the non-binding referendum deciding whether or not casino gambling should be permitted in their cities.

Supporters of the plan to bring a casino to Agawam focused on the economic benefits the town will receive in new tax revenues and in the creation of 800 construction jobs to build the casino/hotel complex, as well as the 1,500 new jobs to staff it.

As employees of Riverside, many of the "pro" speakers pointed to Riverside's long-standing reputation as a responsible corporate citizen and the integrity of the Carroll family in keeping their promises to the community.

#### Environmental And Traffic Issues

Robert Freeman, Executive Vice-President of Riverside, said the company would change the design of the casino project to avoid harming the environment, and he defended the results of the traffic study that predict no major problems for Agawam's roadways in handling the increased traffic created by casino patrons and employees.

"Our purpose in proposing casino gambling is to protect our business and to survive," Freeman said.

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AN ARTIST'S RENDERING OF THE PROPOSED CASINO, hotel, and entertainment complex at Riverside Amusement Park. The issue is now fully on the front burner for the residents of the community to discuss and debate.

## Carroll Appears Before Committee To State Case For Casino Project

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Accompanied by a representative of Lady Luck Gaming Corporation of Las Vegas and a representative of the engineering firm hired to do the traffic study for the \$100 million casino/hotel resort proposed for Riverside Park, Edward Carroll, Jr. took his case before the public at the first televised meeting of the Citizen's Committee on Casino Gambling on October 12th in the Middle School auditorium.

With the architect's model of the resort complex on display for the committee, Carroll said the design, including a 29-story hotel, was deliberately drawn to be as dramatic as possible in order to compete with Foxwoods (Connecticut), "the most successful casino in the Western Hemisphere."

However, Carroll said the design would be altered to protect the environment and to conform to local zoning ordinances.

"We will not harm the environment," Carroll

said. "And if the zoning authority in Agawam decides the hotel's too high, we'll change it."

#### Riverside Could Be Forced Out

Before a group of about 70 interested citizens, Carroll told the committee that competition from the proposed \$100 million theme park at Foxwoods, coupled with competition from a casino/theme park to be built by the Wampanoag Indians in New Bedford, and the possibility of a casino/entertainment center in Springfield, would force Riverside out-of-business within a few years.

Carroll said the Pequot Indians could offer free admission to their theme park to attract customers to their casino. "They can lose money on the venue (the amusement park). That's the kind of competition I'm talking about," Carroll said.

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Freeman said casino gambling would be coming to Western Massachusetts in all likelihood, and a "no" vote on the referendum will put Riverside out of the running.

On the opposing side, speakers raised the spectre of the destruction of the rural character of the town; rising crime; roads clogged with the increased traffic; political corruption; loss of business for local merchants; and the social problems associated with problem gamblers.

Recently retired from a 30-year career teaching elementary school on U.S. military bases in France and Belgium, resident Pauline Paquette said she has seen the effects of addictive gambling on bases with slot machines in the Non-Commissioned Officers' and Officers' Clubs. Eventually, gambling was banned, she said.

"The children were going without food and the necessary clothing," Miss Paquette said. "Counseling had to be provided for the people who were spending their lives in front of the slot

machines."

Town Councilor Jill Simpson said she wanted the town to be known as a community with a small-town feeling, good schools, and open space.

"In my heart, I do not feel our community fits the mold of a casino gambling establishment," Mrs. Simpson said.

Resident Joseph Demetron, who owns a barbershop in Agawam Center, said he was against the casino for the same reason Edward Carroll was proposing it: to save his business.

"My business will be devastated," Demetron said. "To say traffic won't be a problem is ludicrous."

### Leader In The Fight Against Casino Gambling

Reverend Ann Geer of Feeding Hills, a leader in the fight against casino gambling, said Agawam has been targeted for what is known in the gambling industry as "convenience gambling." Rev.

Geer said there is growing evidence that the gambling industry moves into an area for a discreet period of time to make a profit and then leaves town.

According to Rev. Geer, the committee should be looking into the details of the contract between Edward Carroll and the Lady Luck Gaming Corporation, including the length of the contract, Lady Luck's percentage, who will be in control of the casino, and whether or not the property has changed hands.

Town Council President James Taylor, who has stated his opposition to the casino, said that while his overall sense is that the community is opposed to Riverside's proposal, reasons vary. Taylor said for many of the people living in the Main Street/River Road area, traffic is the main concern and many parents are concerned about teenagers obtaining false I.D.'s to get into the casino.

### CARROLL STATES CASE - continued from Page 1...

Using the accepted industry standard of a tourism multiplier equal to nine times the actual dollars generated by a tourist attraction, Carroll said Riverside currently has a \$105 million impact on the local economy (annually).

Carroll said his plan to build a casino and hotel complex at Riverside will bring an estimated \$5 to \$7 million in new property tax revenue to Agawam each year, increasing the tax base by 25 to 35 percent.

In addition to creating more than 800 construction jobs, Carroll said his proposal will add 1,500 permanent full-time jobs (paying an average wage of \$22,000 per year) to the local economy for an overall economic boost of \$122 million annually.

Responding to committee Chairman Anthony Bonavita's question concerning a possible increase in crime rates in communities with casino gambling, Lady Luck's Rob Stillwell said in Natchez, Mississippi, where his company opened a casino in February 1993, there has been a drop in the crime rate as a correlation to the drop in unemployment.

Located on the southern edge of town, the Riverside site is surrounded by water on three sides with entrance through one gate only. Carroll said it would be an "easily controlled location."

Stillwell told committee member Rudy Altobelli, "There is no way anyone underage will get on the boat."

Questioned by member Barbara Skolnick about problems with children being left on their own while their parents gamble in the casino, Carroll said he was investigating the use of a beeper system to reunite parents and children at the end of the evening. Carroll said children are often dropped off at Riverside. "We'll look after the park as we do now," Carroll said.

According to the traffic study commissioned by Riverside, area roadways should have no problem handling the one million cars expected to travel to and from the casino each year. He said there is a low level of existing traffic on the roads to and from Riverside and because the traffic generated by the casino could be spread out over a 24-hour period.

However, if a summer concert was held at the same time as the weekly auto races, there could

be some problems. Stillwell said simultaneous scheduling of events was a "worst case scenario" that probably won't occur.

Traffic engineer Richard Bryant said, "Everything happening at once is something that has not been dismissed. Riverside Park has a long history of managing the traffic."

Carroll told the committee his proposal would benefit Agawam by holding the line on property taxes and providing increased resources for the needs of the community, including capital improvements projects.

### Committee To Present Findings November 3rd

Appointed by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson to gather information on the pros and cons of a casino at Riverside, the nine-member committee is expected to present its findings on the risks and benefits of casino gambling at its final meeting in the Middle School auditorium on November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be televised locally on cable access Channel 5.

On November 8th, voters in Agawam and Springfield will decide in a non-binding referendum whether or not casino gambling should be permitted in their city.

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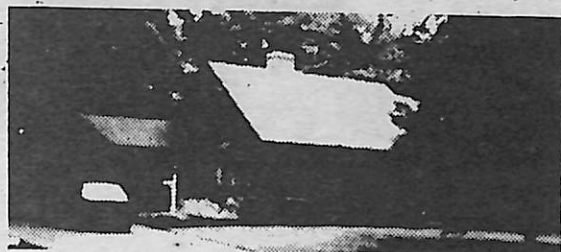
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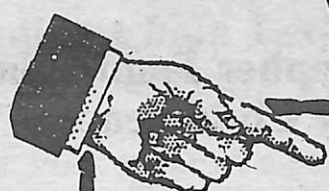


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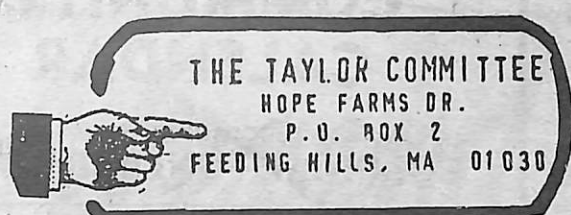
## MR. TAYLOR:

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## WHO WILL JAMES TAYLOR REPRESENT ... THE PEOPLE ... OR HIS SPECIAL INTEREST?



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## Letters To The Editor

### The Tryba Issue Has Severely Tarnished Political Reputations

#### To The Editor:

I wonder how many of your readers happened to watch the City Council meeting on TV (on Monday, October 17th). Unfortunately, the answer may be ... too few.

The meeting started out with Citizen's Speak Time. A Robert Wodell was the first speaker to address the City Council. He chose to speak on the ever-growing controversy involving the elimination of CASMIR TRYBA as the town's sanitation inspector.

Mr. Wodell wanted to get to the bottom of the TRYBA dismissal by six City Council members. I'm sure that he was thinking ... what better place to start than to confront the accused councilors themselves.

Like so many good citizens in the past, Mr. Wodell spoke about the numerous letters to the editor, presumably, in *The Advertiser News*. He pleaded with the city councilors to admit their mistake and, at one point, he said, "We'll forgive you," just tell us the truth. He asked the accused councilors to admit their role by coming forward at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Wodell told how he had worked for George Bitzas' campaign for State Representative, but he had left the campaign because too many people were asking him about the secret Tryba meeting.

I don't know Mr. Wodell, but he impressed me to be a very sincere person who just wanted to get to the bottom of the Casmir Tryba dismissal. Well, you guessed it—not one of the accused city councilors wanted to admit or deny their role in the secret meeting which, I am told, took place in the Mayor's office.

Politically, Mayor Johnson has been severely tarnished. As for James Taylor, forget it ... that is exactly what he should do about his campaign for State Representative! If he cannot come forward to talk about the secret meeting, then he just does not belong in political office.

Tina Marie Gurley  
Agawam

### Dan Keenan Is Truly Dedicated To Third Hampden District

#### To The Editor:

I have had the pleasure of becoming very good friends with Dan Keenan over the past several months while I have worked on his campaign. I can honestly say that Dan Keenan is a gentleman and a hard-working young man. He is truly dedicated to the people of the Third Hampden District.

I first met Dan when he knocked on my door back in July. I found Dan to be knowledgeable, articulate, and forthright in his answers to my questions. It is nice to see a young man with these qualities running for public office. The Third Hampden District needs Dan Keenan.

Sincerely,  
Millie Swain  
41B Paul Revere Drive  
Feeding Hills

### Keenan Should Be Commended For His Campaign Efforts

#### To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Dan Keenan, candidate for State Representative, for his continuing efforts to get out and meet the people of Agawam in any way he can.

I have had the pleasure of a meeting with him at my home as he walked door-to-door, but more recently, I met him again at an Agawam High football game. I heartily approve of Mr. Keenan's laid-back method of not intruding on anyone's enjoyment of the game, but simply being available to anyone who might have wanted to meet and speak with him.

Each time I speak with Mr. Keenan, I become more impressed with his obvious educational background and knowledge of current issues. I believe this extensive education will certainly serve the constituents of his district far more than those of his opponent (who has only a high school diploma).

Experience on a local government level is fine, but to know how to research facts on any issue is much more of a valuable tool and can only be learned with a lot of practice. Mr. Keenan, with his law degree, has clearly demonstrated the ability to do just that.

In addition, since the job of a State Representative involves working directly with current laws and passing on new ones, the voters of the Third Hampden District would be much better served by an individual who knows what he's dealing with.

Sincerely,  
Sadie Ferraro  
Feeding Hills

### State Rep. Draisen Appreciates Support During Fall Primary

#### To The Editor:

I would like to thank all the people in Agawam who cast their votes for me in my race for lieutenant governor. We may not have won the primary, but 47 percent is not bad in a first try for statewide office.

I was proud to earn your support, and I hope that my future work will show your trust and confidence to have been well placed.

I am proud that we ran a positive, issue-oriented campaign, based upon a program to strengthen the Massachusetts economy, to put people back to work, and to help families make ends meet and save for the future. The issues we talked about (jobs, health care, auto insurance, water and sewer rates, and college tuitions) are now common themes of most winning Democratic contenders.

I now ask all of you to throw your support behind our Democratic candidates for governor and lieutenant governor. They offer the best hope for restoring a government which is efficient, effective, and compassionate.

Once again, please accept my deepest thanks for your support.

Sincerely,  
Marc Draisen  
State Representative

### Let's Keep Mass. Blue Laws Intact; Vote NO On Question 5

#### To The Editor:

I am writing about Question No. 5, which is an attempt to repeal the state's "Blue Laws." The proponents of this initiative argue that these laws hinder competition, make Sunday morning and holiday work voluntary, and are outdated. Let's look at the facts.

Do they hinder competition? No. Massachusetts stores can open 156 out of 168 hours a week, and 360 out of 365 days a year. That is more than enough time to go shopping. And, 10 of the 12 hours they are closed (midnight Saturday to 10:00 a.m. Sunday) are not busy shopping hours.

Will Sunday and holiday work be voluntary? No. Most retail job applications ask if you are willing to work Sundays and holidays. If you check yes, you have just "volunteered" to work Sundays and holidays forever. If you check no, you don't get hired. Even if you do, how many times can you say no to the boss?

Are these laws outdated? No. The need to spend time with one's family will never become outdated. I would argue that it is needed now more than ever. Today's hectic pace already places extraordinary demands on the family. It is common for both parents to work full-time jobs with long hours. The little time we have left to spend with our families is too precious to lose. Say no to those who want to take it away from you.

Keep family time alive—vote no on Question 5.

Sincerely,  
Francis Callahan  
President

Pioneer Valley Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

### The Christopher Family Says Thanks For Condolences

#### To The Editor:

The family of the late Albert J. Christopher wishes to thank the Agawam Police Department, the Fire Department, Dr. Albert Romano, and the many friends and family members who sent Mass cards, flowers, donations to the Boston Children's Hospital, and the many cards sent to my home. To those we cannot locate or do not know, we offer our special thanks.

In addition, we'd like to offer a very special thank you to Channel 22 for a beautiful tribute paid to our beloved "Corn King."

Jennie M. Christopher and family  
Agawam

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## Dan Keenan Is Best Choice To Succeed Mike Walsh

### To The Editor:

Normally, I do not get involved in letter-writing to the newspaper; however, I wish to express my personal opinion about a particular candidate. That candidate is DAN KEENAN—a candidate who wants to replace Mike Walsh.

It is my sincere belief that Dan Keenan is our best choice to replace our present representative, Mike Walsh. Both Mike and Dan Keenan are graduates of the same college and both are attorneys at law.

I have great respect for both Mike Walsh and for Dan Keenan. Further, I believe that most of the people in our town share my opinion of these two individuals.

Judging from Mike Walsh's endorsement of Dan Keenan, there should be no doubt in anyone's mind where Mike Walsh stands on the candidates.

Phil Vecchiarelli  
Feeding Hills

## Sending Chain Letter In Mail A Terrible Thing To Do

### To The Editor:

Last week I opened a hand-addressed envelope with my name on it at my place of business. The contents of the letter were most disturbing and it was really a rotten thing to do to me or anyone else for that matter.

The letter contained a type-written page (it obviously had been photo-copied) of a series of events describing what had happened in the past to persons who had received this letter. This "chain letter" described the good fortune of people who had continued "the chain" by forwarding a copy of the letter to 20 of their "friends." Those who disregarded the letter and broke "the chain" suffered terrible tragedies.

The letter even invoked the name of "St. Jude," which I found to be terribly offensive and certainly a complete contradiction to the many people who have received solace and solitude by praying for help in the name of "St. Jude."

This letter completely upset me because my family suffered a horrible tragedy a few years ago and I remember receiving a similar "chain letter" like this some time before the tragedy occurred. I threw that letter out. I do not mean to say that doing this had anything to do with my family tragedy, but last week on the day I received this letter many painful memories were going through my mind.

There is absolutely no way I could ever mail a vile letter like this to one "friend," never mind 20 friends. And certainly, I could not forward this letter to people I don't even know. My conscience would not allow it.

I hope the person who sent me this letter reads my letter-to-the editor. If there is one ounce of decency remaining in him or her, he or she will feel very guilty for doing this to me and will never do something like this again to anyone.

Sincerely,  
Leonidas Pananas  
Agawam

## J.F.K. Council Appreciates Support For Tootsie Roll Drive

### To The Editor:

On behalf of the Agawam J.F.K. Council 5585, of the Knights of Columbus, our Grand Knight, Nelson Letendre, and myself, I would like to thank the citizens of Agawam for their generous support of the 1994 Tootsie Roll Drive.

For the second straight year, your local chapter has been able to raise over \$5,460 for the handicapped children of our state. This money will be added to the state-wide collection, which last year totalled over \$500,000.

During the last fraternal year, the Knights of Columbus in Massachusetts were able to provide over \$705,000 in grants to individuals and organizations both locally and state-wide. Your continued assistance (combined with over 420 hours of voluntary service during the Big E) will enable the J.F.K. Council, located at St. John's Church, to continue this tradition of service to the community and its citizens.

The Agawam Council would like to offer a special thanks to the following organizations and businesses without whose help and support the Tootsie Roll Drive would not be as successful each year:

Agawam Advertiser News publisher Ric Sardella and his employees; Agawam Athletic Association (Bob Hersey, Chairperson); Agawam Dunkin Donuts and its employees; Agawam Friendly's Restaurant and its employees; Agawam Police Department (Chief Robert Campbell and fellow officers); Big Y Supermarkets; Fran's Restaurant and its employees; Food Mart Supermarkets; Partners Restaurant and its employees; Riverside Park owner Ed Carroll, Jr.; and Rocky's Hardware.

The Knights of Columbus welcome all Catholic men (18 years and older) to join the Council. If you are interested in joining or would like additional information, please call me, Frank Meagher, at 786-8023 or Jim Jenks at 786-0857.

Frank Meagher  
Drive Chairman

## Let's Support Agawam By Supporting Jim Taylor

### To The Editor:

No one knows Agawam like someone who lives here. That's why I'm supporting James Taylor for our next State Representative.

Mr. Taylor has done a wonderful job leading the council in a productive direction. After seeing the town grow so much in recent years, I'm especially pleased with the town's preservation of so much open space under his leadership.

I hope other people in Agawam realize the importance of keeping the State Representative here in Agawam.

Sincerely,  
Arthur E. Hastings, Jr.  
Feeding Hills

## Question Of Secret Meeting Still Needs To Be Addressed

### To The Editor:

I believe that Mr. James Taylor must answer the question on attendance of the meeting!

Be it illegal, secret, or otherwise, was he there or was he not?

Marc St. Onge  
Agawam

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## Casino Will Improve Agawam's Quality Of Life

### To The Editor:

My name is Barbara Welch and I live at 13 Nicole Terrace in Feeding Hills. We moved from Springfield, Massachusetts 17 years ago because we felt the Agawam school system would offer our son (who was six years-old at the time) a better, well-balanced education.

The sports program at that time was second to none. He was privileged to have some great teachers who really cared and went above and beyond their job (from Mr. Montessi at Granger Elementary to Larry O'Brien for AP English at the High School). He graduated in 1988 and was accepted to and graduated from MIT in 1992.

He was very fortunate because he was able to utilize the Agawam School System at a time when the class size was down, therefore allowing the teachers more time per student. The schools were not filling to capacity.

Each child had their own books and didn't have to share. His computer class allowed enough hands-on time to satisfy his eagerness to learn.

Now I hear from friends that things are heading in a different direction in the Agawam schools: overcrowding, a shortage of books per student. As parents, you have to agree with me that our children's education has to come first. Whether your child learns a trade or goes to college, it's up to us as adults to provide the resources for that child to learn.

Can a casino in Agawam do that for us? You bet your life! Will we have a few problems? We probably will. Will Ed Carroll have control over this project to make sure that these problems will be resolved for the good of the Agawam community? I know he will.

One summer eight years ago while my son was working there, Mr. Carroll got me a summer job (I worked in the Longmeadow school system). Ever since then, I've been a full-time employee of Riverside Park. I know first-hand how Ed Carroll resolves any problems that come up at the park; he more than satisfies the community now so the future won't be any different.

We are a community-based company with community-based values. I trust a person like Ed Carroll, whose park has a 54-year streak in this

community to undertake a project of this magnitude. I shiver to think that without the support of this community, we could be living across the bridge from Springfield ... the next Atlantic City!

Thank you,  
Barbara Welch  
13 Nicole Terrace  
Feeding Hills

## Resident Has Info About Bike Stolen At Big Y

### To The Editor:

#### To Whom It May Concern:

If you have black or brown hair, and had a BMX bicycle stolen in front of the Agawam Big Y around Sept. 19, 1994, please call 789-6172. It is important that I talk to you.

Thank you,  
Chad Roberts  
Agawam

## Political Tactics Being Used Appalling In State Rep. Race

### To The Editor:

I have been reading *The Agawam Advertiser News* and I am appalled at some of the political tactics employed during this campaign. I was hoping that a supposedly well-educated young lawyer would stick to the issues and provide evidence of his past public service rather than dredge up fictitious stories.

If the candidate from Blandford is not spearheading the "secret meeting" blitz, then he is choosing the wrong backers for his campaign committee or he has little control over his campaigning in Agawam.

As a Democrat, I would be more comfortable voting for someone who shows more strategy for building a strong and more viable Western Massachusetts than in pouring time and money into unwarranted character assassination.

Sincerely,  
Beverly Follis  
Agawam

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## Carroll Expresses Dismay Over Recent Anti-Casino Comments

### To The Editor:

I am writing to you to express my dismay at the recent comments made by a small group of opponents to Riverside's proposal to add a Riverboat Casino Entertainment Facility next to our park.

Riverside has always gone to great lengths to be an important and upstanding member of our community. We love Agawam, and we are proud to be here. It is personally disturbing to hear or read people making negative comments about our motives or our support for the River Belle II project.

Maybe people don't want to hear bad news, but the facts are that Riverside is facing a cloudy future if we are not given the ability to compete with casinos that are going to build \$100 million amusement parks.

My family and the thousands of people who have worked and currently work at the park have built Riverside into a successful business. Millions of people come here for fun and relaxation. Thousands of people depend on us for jobs. And we contribute MILLIONS OF DOLLARS every year directly into the Agawam economy.

But, we are not invincible. We will fight to stay in business until the very end—but that end may be in sight.

I ask everyone to put yourselves in our position. What happens when Foxwoods opens us their amusement park as a loss-leader to bring people to their casino? We expect that we will eventually lose 25% of our business to them if we can't compete. What happens when the New Bedford casino opens their huge theme park, which the Governor MANDATES them to open as part of the casino agreement? We expect that we will eventually lose another 25% of our business to them if we can't compete.

For us, the handwriting is on the wall. We'll fight to stay in business, but we also hope that the people of Agawam will help us win the fight. Voting "Yes" on Question 11 is not an abstract vote on casino facilities. It is a vote to keep Riverside working for Agawam.

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I fully respect the rights of people to disagree with our proposal; I just wish that they would respect our opinions as well, and stop trying to insinuate that we somehow want to create a huge crime problem or create gridlocked traffic throughout our community. The opponents know that both of these "scare tactics" are effective tools to get people to vote against us. The problem is that what they are saying is wrong.

Agawam has a great opportunity on November 8th. We can vote to move forward and bring substantial economic benefits to our town, or we can move backwards and jeopardize what we have—jobs and economic stability.

Sincerely,  
Ed Carroll, Jr.  
President, Riverside Park

**Much More Planning Needed For Bondi's Island Stench****To The Editor:**

The October 11, 1994 editorial in another newspaper is very much on the mark in presenting a realistic representation of the regional problem due to the Waste Treatment Complex on Bondi's Island in Agawam.

The editorial addresses the need for planning and plan implementation at some future time. However, it does not address what could be done now.

1. The Waste Water Treatment Plant, Composting Operation and Landfill were run virtually stench-free for 17 days during the Big E. This was great for tourists and a relief for residents who live, work, and pay taxes in the region. Why not treat residents and taxpayers as well as tourists year-round?

2. The Springfield DPW could alert the public to unusual or planned activities at the Waste Treatment Complex known to cause stench events. Why not try to act like a responsible neighbor?

An updated Stench Event Log is attached. Please note the gross reduction in stench events during the Big E. Also, note the return to frequent stench events following the Big E.

Very truly yours,  
James D. Fogg  
Agawam

**Attachment:**

Regional Waste Treatment Complex  
Stench Event Log  
South End Bridge/River Road, Agawam  
(Date, Day, Time)

Saturday, September 10, 1994: 10:15, 11:10, 12:00, 1:03, 4:22.

Sunday, September 11, 1994: 12:40, 2:40.

Monday, September 12, 1994: 9:40, 10:15.

Tuesday, September 13, 1994: 11:10, 11:45.

Wednesday, September 14, 1994: 1:40, 3:50, 6:15.

Thursday, September 15, 1994: 8:15, 10:50, 1:05, 5:55.

Friday, September 16, 1994: 7:30 (Big E begins).

Saturday, September 17, 1994: None (Big E).

Sunday, September 18, 1994: None (Big E).

Monday, September 19, 1994: 1:15 (Big E).

Tuesday, September 20, 1994: None (Big E).

Wednesday, September 21, 1994: 9:20 to 11:16 (Big E).

Thursday, September 22, 1994: None (Big E).

Friday, September 23, 1994: 3:10, 4:35 (Big E).

Saturday, September 24, 1994: None (Big E).

Sunday, September 25, 1994: None (Big E).

Monday, September 26, 1994 through Sunday, October 2, 1994: None (Big E ends Sunday, October 2, 1994).

Monday, October 3, 1994: 2:25.

Tuesday, October 4, 1994: 8:35, 11:10, 1:20.

Wednesday, October 5, 1994: 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 6, 1994: 12:25, 1:30, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, October 7, 1994: 8:35 a.m.

Saturday, October 8, 1994 through Monday, October 10, 1994: Not available.

Tuesday, October 11, 1994: 7:00, 8:30, 10:50, 11:00 a.m., 3:05 p.m.

**Casino Will Rob Agawam Of Our Way Of Life****To The Editor:**

We moved to Agawam five years ago because it seemed like a good place to raise our family: schools are a priority; neighborhoods are safe; there are active youth athletic associations and good recreational opportunities; the beauty and charm of farms, well-kept homes, country clubs and open space; and people with good, old-fashioned values.

We were willing to pay our fair share of the necessary taxes to keep Agawam this way, and we remain so. We like Agawam just the way it is, thank you, and no matter how you look at it, there is no way that a large influx and exit of thousands of people daily, drinking and gambling, will keep Agawam the lovely, safe place that it is.

One of us grew up in a small, semi-farm town—Plainfield, CT. At a time when several in-

dustries in the town had recently closed, an outside gambling contingent came in preaching the benefits of a dog track to the town: much of the same hype we're hearing in Agawam now: jobs and increased tax revenues.

Those people desperately needed jobs (unlike Agawam) and bought the hype. People who before would never have taken the trouble to seek out a gambling establishment now were attracted to the "easy money" lure right in town. Families who could least afford it were torn apart by newly-addicted gamblers.

The element attracted to live in town because of the track were not "family type" people. Strips of fast food establishments grew on the approaches to the track, trying to cash-in on the traffic and the lovely farms and old homes disappeared. The air became polluted by the exhaust fumes of multiple buses and increased vehicles.

The school system in Plainfield is no better today than it was 20 years ago; the only benefit the town reaped was a greatly-enlarged police force, necessitated by the track. The town cannot recruit industry to fill their vacant industrial parks because, despite incentives, companies do not want their employees near a gambling establishment (What do they know that we don't?)

We, for one, are not willing to trade our adoptive family-oriented hometown for a stable tax bill (taxes never go down). We hope many families appreciate what we have here in Agawam, and exercise their vote to preserve it. A massive change, like the one represented by a casino, will not be an improvement to our way of life here in Agawam. Let's keep our hometown OURS.

Virginia & Al Ventulett  
Agawam

**Resident Refutes Claims About Ed Carroll's Character****To The Editor:**

Certainly the issue of casino gambling in Agawam has to be the primary issue this fall. I have watched the proceedings with interest. I must say that, until last night's meeting both sides have presented the public with factual and informative information. I would also like to compliment the study committee and its chairman Anthony Bonavita for their decorum and efforts.

I was dismayed, however, at the personal attack upon Ed Carroll by Anne Marie Bellico. With all the issues and concerns over the environment, traffic, and the quality of life issues as well as the future viability of Riverside Park, I find Mrs. Bellico's comments out of line as well as totally degrading to a person who has always been a friend to Agawam.

There is not a youth sports team in Agawam that has not carried a Riverside sponsorship that I can think of. There has never been a time that Riverside has not contributed to ad books or provided passes or other things to fundraisers. The Town of Agawam has always had preferential treatment for employment at the park, and many young people have furthered their education with money earned at the park. My three children are among this group. Riverside also provides work for a fair amount of Agawam seniors as well.

Riverside Park has been a part of this communi-

ty for a long time and has maintained its image and reputation as a quality, wholesome attraction over the years due to one reason—the Carroll family.

If you doubt this, just compare the appearance of the facility and employees with the Conklin Shows, the group that plays the Big E.

Riverside thrives because Ed Carroll is a hands-on manager. The amount of time that he spends at the park, directly managing the facility, would stagger most folks. I truly believe that if a casino does come to Agawam at Riverside, Mr. Carroll would employ the same hands-on management style as he does now.

I would have thought that Mrs. Bellico could have addressed some "legitimate concerns" as opposed to her pointless attack.

Daniel Lacienski  
268 South West Street  
Feeding Hills

**Marie Mazza Discusses The Office Of Clerk Of Courts****To The Editor:**

I am attorney Marie Grimaldi Mazza, candidate for Clerk of Courts in Hampden County. As a candidate during the Primary Election on September 20, 1994, I found it very difficult to convey to voters that this office covers the complete county of 23 cities and towns.

I believe that it is the public's "right to know" that they are part of Hampden county. The 23 cities and towns are as follows - Agawam, Blandford, Brimfield, Chester, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Granville, Hampden, Holland, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Monson, Montgomery, Palmer, Russell, Southwick, Springfield, Tolland, Wales, Westfield, West Springfield, and Wilbraham.

As I have been an attorney for 22 years and an Assistant Clerk in Hampden County for 20 years, I believe that I have filled the job requirements and major duties as described in the "Job Description and Qualifications for Assistant Clerk Magistrate."

At the present time, notice is posted in the Clerk's Office of Superior Court, both civil and criminal, that the office employees are not allowed to give advice or help filling out forms. If elected as Clerk of Courts, I will be available to assist all employees, clients, patrons, and attorneys who request information from our staff regarding practices and procedures within our jurisdiction.

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Marie Grimaldi Mazza

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## Voters Should Consider Real Issues Regarding The Casino

### To The Editor:

I am writing with regard to casino gambling in Agawam.

I am very disappointed with some of the opposition's remarks toward Riverside's proposal. It is obvious to me that these people must not get out in town too often to see what has already happened for the good of Agawam.

Remarks such as "we don't want the town character to change" ... well, unfortunately, the town character has already changed and continues to change every day. Agawam is too close in proximity to Springfield not to feel the effects of a large city.

However, we still manage to control our own destiny and identity, and I feel that Agawam will continue to do so even with a casino. Let's not forget that by our own charter, Agawam is not a town, but a city.

Another remark that I hear is about the PROPOSED historic district; as beautiful as it is, let's not forget that there is already a four-lane highway running through part of it, and that the traffic study which was done shows that this highway is more than adequate to handle the traffic that the proposed casino will generate. When you have an historic district, I assume you want tourists to see it or otherwise why have it?

In closing, I ask the voters of Agawam to consider REAL issues and not have your judgement clouded by matters that have no REAL bearing on casino gaming.

Thank you,  
Jason Freeman  
71 South Westfield Street  
Feeding Hills

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Agawam is requesting proposals for the leasing of a portion of Tuckahoe Turf Farm for agricultural use. Proposals are being accepted for 3 and/or 5 year leases. The Request for Proposals may be obtained at the Agawam Town Clerk's Office or the Office of Planning and Community Development, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Massachusetts from October 15, 1994 until November 4, 1994.

All proposals must be submitted to the Agawam Mayor's Office before 12:00 P.M., November 7, 1994 at which time the Non-Price Proposal will be opened.

The Tuckahoe Turf Farm Committee and the Mayor of Agawam will review the proposals and accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Agawam.

The Town of Agawam reserves the right to reject any proposal in whole or in part and to accept any proposal or any item of any proposal or to negotiate non-price portions of the project if deemed in the best interest of the Town.

Published: October 20, 1994

# Environmental Concerns About Casino Raised At Council Hearing

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Even though the public hearing set for the October 17th meeting of Town Council was limited to issues related to the environmental impact on Connecticut River wildlife and fisheries by the proposed casino/hotel complex at Riverside Park, several town residents used the Citizen Speak portion of the meeting to voice their determined opposition to casino gambling in Agawam.

A teacher for many years in Agawam schools, Ann Bradford said she was angry that the traffic study prepared by Riverside Park compared the traffic that will be generated by the casino to that of a large supermarket (even when the Super Stop & Shop doesn't have 2,000 parking places), she said.

The plans for the proposed resort complex include a 29-story hotel; a marina at the mouth of Three Mile Brook; a floating barge-style riverboat casino; and parking for 2,000 cars.

A resident of nearby Oxford Street, Mrs. Bradford charged that Riverside has failed to follow through on their promises to take care of the noise generated by the summer concerts held at the raceway. "There seems to be some difference between what Riverside says and what Riverside does," Mrs. Bradford said.

A member of the Agawam Historical Commission and the recently-formed Citizens Against Casino Gambling, Richard Bellico spoke of the determination of the town's residents to preserve their town. When people think of Ledyard (Foxwoods in Connecticut), they think of gambling and traffic, and that's not the character and image wanted in Agawam, Bellico said.

### Unforeseen Problems

Bellico criticized Riverside's offer of a \$1 million fund to deal with unforeseen problems caused by the casino project as an admission that there will be problems associated with gambling in Agawam.

Charging elected officials with a lack of leadership, Bellico said, "Here we have one of the most important issues before us. It will affect the character of our town forever. Very few in the leadership positions have stepped forward and indicated what they believe in. We will defeat this with a grass roots effort, with or without your help."

Resident Leonidas Pananas said he was against casino gambling anywhere within a 50-mile radius. While Riverside officials say their proposed casino will be a tourist draw, Pananas predicted most of the customers will come from within a 50-mile radius and will result in a loss of business for local merchants as customers lose their money gambling. Pananas said the casino would affect Agawam like an earthquake.

"An earthquake comes in fast to destroy us, but the casino will come in to destroy us slowly down the road," Pananas said.

During the public hearing about the environmental issues surrounding plans to locate a casino and resort on the banks of the Connecticut River, James Collins, an Amherst attorney representing the Riverside and Lady Luck Gambling Corp., said the rigorous process of obtaining 10 local, state, and federal permits would assure protection for the environment.

"There will be no damage to the environment," Collins said.

Riverside's Executive Vice-President, Robert Freeman, said the reason it was decided to locate the casino on the 25 acres of the picnic grove was that Governor William Weld's original proposal was to allow a riverboat casino. Also, Riverside officials didn't want to see a casino on Main Street.

Freeman pledged to move the casino to another spot if the present plan would hurt the environment.

"We're completely flexible," Freeman said.

### Planned Hotel On A Floodplain

However, Conservation Commission Chairman Henry Kozloski said the planned high-rise hotel was located on a floodplain that extends all the way past Adams Street, Kozloski said it may not be possible to move the casino toward Main Street.

"The town would have to hire an environmental consultant to help us with a project of this size," Kozloski said.

Noting that she was putting him on the spot, Town Councilor Nancy Thompson Gravel asked Freeman, "If the people of Agawam vote in large numbers against casino gambling, will you abide by that?"

Freeman said it would depend on the vote, whether or not Riverside would "try another day."

"We're persistent, but we're not completely hard-hearted," Freeman said.

Local sportsman and environmentalist Al Gagliarducci promised he would be Riverside's "worst nightmare."

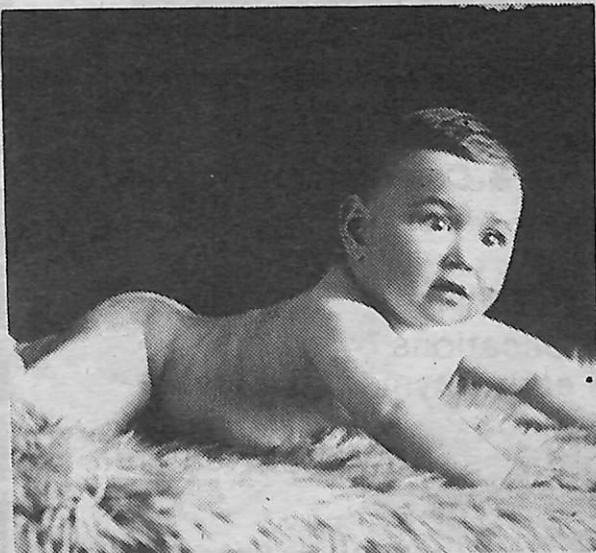
Gagliarducci said dredging the river in the area of Three Mill Brook would lead to the loss of all aquatic life in the area for 10 to 15 years.

Among the threatened and endangered species known to be present at the site are the short-nosed sturgeon, American brook lamprey, and the marble salamander, Gagliarducci said.

"Maybe Lady Luck and Riverside should do something agricultural teaching the children about river lore, not about slot machines," Gagliarducci said.

Even though casino gambling has not yet been approved by the state legislature, voters in Agawam will decide in a non-binding referendum on November 8th whether or not a casino should be permitted here.

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*Guest Editorial...***Mike Walsh Was  
Great Servant  
To Agawam****by State Senator Linda J. Melconian**

It is with great sadness that I bid farewell to one of the most decent and honorable public servants ever to serve in the Massachusetts General Court, Representative Michael P. Walsh, who will be leaving the legislature at the end of this season after 12 years of distinguished service representing the Third Hampden District.

Michael Walsh is not seeking reelection to the Massachusetts House of Representatives; he has chosen instead to pursue new professional opportunities. Many of his constituents may not know that Michael is also an attorney and educator.

On whatever professional road Michael travels, I know he will be successful. He will take with him the same dedication and work ethic that enabled him not only to complete his full-time duties as a legislator, but also to earn a law degree in his spare time.

We both were elected to the Massachusetts General Court in 1982. During that first run for public office, our paths often crossed on the campaign trail. As freshman legislators, we forged a partnership, and as colleagues we worked together to address issues confronting Agawam and Southwick. A deep and abiding friendship blossomed year after year and will continue for the rest of our lives.

But the reason that Michael will always have a special place in my heart has more to do with the moral values and political philosophy that we share. We both still adhere to the belief—which has become somewhat unfashionable in the turbulent political climate of the 1990's—that government should take an active role in finding solutions to improve the quality of life for the citizens that it serves.

Michael has been a forceful advocate whose accomplishments reflect his political acumen and mastery of the legislative process. His achievements, too numerous to list, cannot be measured solely by the number of new laws he has sponsored or the quantity of constituent problems he has solved.

While moving up in the ranks of the House leadership, Michael always retained his compassion. He remained loyal to the Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill adage that "all politics is local." He recognized that any concern to a constituent was of tantamount importance.

As a native son of Agawam, Michael possessed a special sensitivity to the issues facing Western Massachusetts. Michael's first commitment was always to advance the interests of his district and to articulate the unique concerns of Western Massachusetts. His major accomplishments include: ending the stalemate on the extension of Route 57, cleaning up the Congamond Lakes, and bringing to fruition the Danahy School renovations for Agawam's elderly.

Michael's capacity to adjust to the changing political landscape without compromising his principles, along with his ability to always create a congenial and cooperative atmosphere, quickly earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues.

The joy that Michael brought to the job was evident during the numerous functions at which we shared the dais. I would often speak first. Michael would then rise to speak and kiddingly chide me for covering everything he planned to say. Michael, though, always found the appropriate words to capture the sentiment of the occasion.

I will be joined by friends and colleagues in honoring Michael Walsh at a testimonial dinner on Thursday, October 20th, at Chez Josef in Agawam. As a fitting tribute to Michael's legacy of professional accomplishment and personal integrity, the Agawam Democratic Committee has established the Michael P. Walsh Democrat of the Year Award.

As Michael leaves office, the Third Hampden District bids farewell to one of its strongest and foremost advocates. I will miss a valued colleague and a very special friend.

Good luck, Michael, and congratulations on a job well done!

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**Carroll Outlines Major Benefits  
To Local Economy From Casino**

Ed Carroll, Jr., President of Riverside Park, has outlined the major economic benefits that the Town of Agawam will receive from the riverboat casino entertainment facility that Riverside is proposing.

"Not only will this project enable us to remain in business and remain competitive with the huge amusement parks being planned at Foxwoods and in New Bedford, but it will bring major economic gains to Agawam," Carroll stated.

"This project will generate between \$5 million and \$7 million dollars in direct tax revenue for the town—up to a 35-percent increase in property tax revenue," he explained. "This huge increase in revenue for Agawam will certainly keep property taxes down, and enable the town to move forward with improvements in services."

Among the priorities Carroll noted that the town could use the money for are public schools, public safety, senior programs, and recreational programs for our youth.

"I have not met anyone in town who thinks that our schools do not need more resources. I have not met anyone in town who thinks that our police and fire departments do not need more resources. And I have not met anyone in town who thinks that our seniors do not deserve increased resources. This project will enable our community to address these needs," Carroll said.

The project will also create approximately 1,500 new full-time jobs for the area. "These new jobs are important to Agawam. The average salary will be approximately \$22,000 per year—that's more than \$10.50 an hour," Carroll announced. He also said that the jobs will go to local area residents.

Carroll explained that the overall economic benefit to Agawam and the area will be measured in the hundreds of millions of dollars. "This project is about Agawam's economic future. This is a great opportunity for the town—Agawam should come first," he said.

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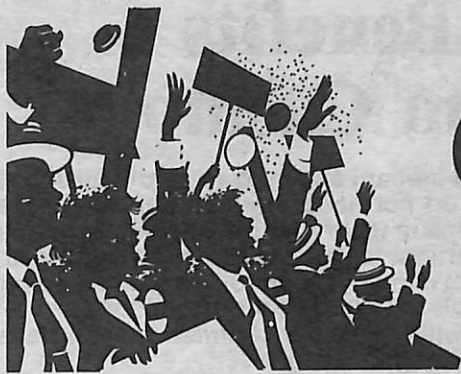
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## Republican Briare Challenging Neal

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Briare, 29, a newcomer to politics, announced his candidacy for the second Congressional seat back in April and he's been campaigning hard ever since. He regularly puts in 16-hour days in his effort to win this seat.

Briare says, "Being a challenger means we have to do things the old fashioned way ... we need to shake hands and kiss babies. I think the old fashioned way of campaigning gives you a better feel for the individual concerns of people throughout the district."

Briare is running on a tough-on-crime, pro-business, and responsible government platform. He prides himself as a champion for the seniors and the children.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT JAMES D. TAYLOR, candidate for State Rep., supports road and bridge repair, like the resurfacing of Mill Street (above). Taylor lobbied the State Legislature this summer to get funding for resurfacing roads in Agawam.

## Taylor Supports Funding For Repairs For District's Highways & Bridges

James D. Taylor, State Representative for the Third Hampden District, has cited his support for funding of bridge and highway repair.

Earlier this past summer, Taylor lobbied the House and Senate Committees on Ways & Means to get Chapter 90 monies approved so cities and towns could repair local roads. In July, the legislature approved a \$300 million Chapter 90 appropriation that will provide \$1,028,000 for Agawam to fix its roads.

Taylor, who is the Agawam City Council President, also lobbied the Ways & Means Committees to get the Transportation Bond Bill passed. The

bond bill, passed in August, contained the funding for the Route 187 reconstruction that began recently.

Taylor said, "This funding was critical to the opening of Route 57 because the state won't open the highway until Route 187 is done."

He added, "I'm disappointed that the legislature took so long to approve funding for these projects. The delay means the highway will open next year instead of this year."

Taylor concluded, "If I'm elected State Representative from Agawam, the completion of Route 57, Phase II will be a top priority."

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## Campaign '94 - continued...

BRIARE - from Page 10...

A small business consultant, Briare vows to work for lower taxes, increased police presence, and the elimination of parole for violent offenders. He adds, "When the government supports small businesses, all aspects of our society improve. People work, cities and towns prosper, and our children reap the benefits — greater opportunities for a better life."

John is for true welfare reform, capital punishment, and less government in all of our lives. He wants a Congress that is accountable and does not exempt themselves from the law. John believes that we must take individual responsibility for our individual actions. He says, "The government must only do those things which we can't do ourselves."

An enthusiastic outdoors man, Briare enjoys hunting, fishing, and "spending time with the kids." Briare is married to his college sweetheart, Karen Soja, and is the father of three small children.

## Anti Tax Group Endorses Taylor For State Rep.

James D. Taylor has won the endorsement of CLT's 2½ PAC in his election bid for State Representative from the Third Hampden District.

CLT's 2½ PAC, the political arm of Citizens for Limited Taxation, was created to support candidates who would defend Proposition 2½ in the State Legislature.

Francis J. Faulkner, executive director of CLT's 2½ Political Action Committee, said the group endorsed Taylor based on his support for tax limitation and control of government spending. He also opposes the long-term tax increase in the form of the graduated income tax.

"Jim Taylor would protect Proposition 2½ and help block any attempt to increase taxes," Faulkner said. "His pro-taxpayer agenda is vitally needed in the state legislature."

Taylor is running in the Third Hampden District, consisting of the city of Agawam and the towns of Blandford, Granville, Russell, Southwick, and Tolland.

CLT is currently waging an all-out battle against the proposed graduated income tax that will be on the November ballot.

"In serving the best interests of the taxpayers and the economy," said Faulkner, "we urge the voters of the Third Hampden District to vote for James D. Taylor on November 8th."

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## Neal Hails Cease-Fire Announcement From Crown Loyalists In N. Ireland

Second District Congressman Richard E. Neal has hailed the recent cease-fire announcement by loyalist paramilitaries in Northern Ireland, calling the declaration a "historic step towards lasting peace."

The only Member of Congress to travel to Northern Ireland since the provisional Irish Republican Army renounced the use of violence on August 31st, Neal urged British Prime Minister John Major to convene peace talks and to set a date for British troop withdrawal from Northern Ireland.

"The cease-fire declared by the loyalists' paramilitaries represents another historic step towards lasting peace in Northern Ireland. Now that violence has been condemned by both communities, it appears that consent and agreement may have permanently replaced the gun and bomb in this 25 year-old conflict," stated Neal.

He continued, "I now strongly urge British Prime Minister John Major to further advance the prospect of peace and reconciliation by conven-

ing all-party negotiations on the future of Northern Ireland. He should seize this unprecedented opportunity by commencing peace talks and setting a date for the withdrawal of the 20,000 British troops.

"The people of Northern Ireland, both Catholic and Protestant, have endured a long and bitter conflict that has seen many innocent lives lost. This recent announcement is testimony to their spirit, bravery, and character. It is also a vindication for John Hume, who has for years worked so courageously to bring peace to his troubled island. I welcome this news and look forward to a united and agreed-upon Ireland," said Neal.

Congressman Neal is the sponsor of H.R. 561, a resolution passed by the House of Representatives in early October encouraging all-party peace talks leading to a lasting political settlement acceptable to and ratified by the people of Ireland, north and south. The bill also highlights the role the International Fund for Ireland has played in creating the existing climate of peace.

## League Of Conservation Voters Tabs Congressman Neal As 1994 "Hero"

Second District Congressman Richard E. Neal was once again named an "environmental hero" by the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) for his voting record in the 103rd Congress.

According to LCV's 1994 National Environmental Scorecard, based on 26 votes in the House of Representatives, Congressman Neal's 92 percent rating far exceeded both the national average of 48 percent and the New England average of 72 percent.

This is the 25th year for which the LCV has published a National Environmental Scorecard since leaders of the environmental movement founded the League in 1970, the year of the first Earth Day.

The League is different from other environmental groups: it remains the only group that works full-time on national electoral politics, as the movement's bipartisan political arm. The League's annual Scorecard represents the consensus of national environmental leaders on the

actions by which members of Congress are graded.

The Scorecard focused on votes taken during the Second Session of the 103rd Congress, including the support of environmentally safe technologies; protection from radon gas; desert and wilderness protection; renewable energy funding; protection of endangered species; and the creation of a new Cabinet level Department of the Environment.

"I have been concerned about the protection of our environment and the conservation of our precious natural resources since I participated in the nation's first Earth Day over 20 years ago. I appreciate the support of the LCV, and I look forward to working with them on environmental concerns in the years ahead," Neal said.

The LCV had also named Congressman Neal as one of its environmental heroes in both 1990 and 1992.

## Keenan Committee To Hold Macaroni And Meatball Dinner

The Committee to elect Dan Keenan for State Representative has announced that it will be holding a macaroni and meatball dinner at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills on Wednesday, October 26th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$3 for seniors and children under 12. Dan Keenan hopes to see you there.

## Taylor Committee To Meet October 21st

The Taylor Committee to elect James D. Taylor State Representative will meet October 21st at 7:30 p.m. at 707 River Road in Agawam. We encourage all our campaign workers to attend this meeting to work on a special project.

If you want to help Jim Taylor become the next State Representative from the Third Hampden District, please stop by Friday night. The Taylor Committee can be reached at 786-0300.

Coffee and refreshments will be served.

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**Campaign '94 - continued...****KATE ROSS**

## Natural Law Candidate Kate Ross Challenging Neal In 2nd District

Kate Ross, a Northampton businesswoman who is the Natural Law Party candidate for Congress in the Second District, urges a "cease fire" in the partisanship battles raging in Washington, and a return to the Democratic ideals of government "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Mrs. Ross said, "Partisan politics is stalemating progress in this country and destroying the democratic process. Debate is no longer focused on issues and solutions, but rather is being used as a technique for obstructionism, filibustering, and partisan gridlock. This is a disservice to the American people and everything that America was founded upon."

A *New York Times* survey published October 10th found Americans saying, "The nation as a whole is losing all respect for the political process." Mrs. Ross also cites results of a poll, published in the August 29th issue of *Time* magazine, which found that the American people feel that politicians themselves pose the worst problem to the nation, after the problem of crime. Three times the number of people listed

politicians as a major problem this year compared to September 1993.

The Natural Law Party platform urges a return to "conflict-free politics," focusing on issues, new ideas, and new solutions to problems. Mrs. Ross believes strong third-party independent candidates are a natural response to the power blocs that have stalemated our two-party system.

The Natural Law Party is only the third party in American history to gain both National Party Committee status and matching fund status from the Federal Election Commission. Founded in 1992, they ran more than 110 candidates in 32 states, including a presidential candidate.

In this election, the Natural Law Party is running approximately 100 candidates across the nation, 70 of which are congressional and senatorial candidates. The New England region has approximately 30 candidates for various offices, 19 of which are running in Vermont alone. The Massachusetts race includes Mrs. Ross in District 2 and Dale Friedgen, another Congressional candidate, in District 3.

## Forum Between State Rep. Candidates Being Sponsored By Town Democrats

On Monday night, October 24th at 7:00 p.m., there will be a forum between Attorney Daniel Keenan and Agawam Town Council President James Taylor, candidates for State Representative from the Third Hampden District.

This will be held at Agawam Middle School. There will be a moderator and questions from the audience will be taken.

Continental Cablevision will televise this event live on October 24th and repeat it on Wednesday, October 26th at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, October 27th at 9:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, November 2nd at 9:30 p.m. (It will be shown on Channel 32.)

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th. This forum is sponsored by the Agawam Democratic Committee.

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## Post Office Says Mail Fraud Comes In Many Disguises

Would you be interested in buying a pill that, when taken at bedtime, allows you to sleep away the pounds gained by overeating?

If you answer is yes, the day may come when you may fall victim to mail fraud. Advertised offers of quick weight loss, miracle healing, or free prizes are one way that unethical mail order companies lure unsuspecting consumers into their money-making trap.

Luckily, the vast majority of mail order companies are honest and stand behind their products and services. Many often guarantees and liberal return policies or trial use periods.

How do you differentiate between honest and dishonest mail order companies? Common sense should prevail. A good rule of thumb is, if the offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Also, follow a few simple rules: Don't trust your health to a salesman. Read all advertisements carefully, looking for unclear language and the fine print. Avoid giving out credit card numbers. Never send cash. And, finally, make copies of all ordering materials.

Some fraudulent mail order schemes, however, do follow through with usable merchandise, although the stated value is highly questionable. For example, the Postal Inspection Service recently broke up a scheme involving a company that contacted potential victims and proclaimed that they had been randomly selected to win one of three valuable prizes. The least valuable prize was said to be worth \$3,000.

Initially contacted by phone, prize winners were told that, in order to receive a prize, they had to submit payments by mail of up to \$999 for "taxes and handling charges." Those who went along with the ruse received, if anything, inexpensive items such as costume jewelry, water purifiers, and money clips.

Victims were bilked of almost \$6 million by the time the Postal Inspectors were notified. Therefore, be wary of any promotion that requires money "up front" to qualify for a "guaranteed award." Legitimate contests do not require winners to pay money to receive prizes.

Mail fraud may also come disguised as work-at-home schemes, charity solicitations, land or investment offers, chain letters, or home improvement schemes.

Postal Inspectors suggest the following precautions: Beware of advertised claims of high income earned with little or no effort. Thoroughly check out a charity before contributing. Don't purchase land "site" unseen. And, deal with reputable charities.

When you are suspicious of a company's business habits, play it safe and contact the local Better Business Bureau or State Attorney General's Office. When you feel that you have been duped by a fraudulent transaction through the mail, contact the Postal Inspection Service at (203) 524-6060.

Obviously, there are thousands of trustworthy, law-abiding companies that use the mail on a daily basis to sell products and provide services that we could not do without. Nevertheless, it pays to use your head before you use your checkbook.

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## Melconian Hopes To Finish Business

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced an agenda for unfinished business confronting the state legislature.

She said, "The clock is ticking on issues that have a direct economic impact on Western Massachusetts: (1) welfare reform, (2) the Massachusetts Center for Telecommunications and Information Technology, (3) the Transportation Bond Bill, and (4) automobile insurance reform."

### Welfare Reform

Meaningful welfare reform was narrowly defeated this summer when the Senate fell one vote short of overriding Governor Weld's veto of the welfare reform package contained in the Fiscal Year 1995 budget.

"The reforms are a step in the right direction. Reconsidering the override vote should be at the top of the agenda before this legislative session ends. The time to act is now to establish fundamental reforms which will provide momentum for more ambitious changes in 1995," stated Melconian.

"In my district alone," she continued, "there are approximately 30,000 individuals receiving AFDC benefits. By enacting the reform package vetoed by Governor Weld, the state can trim the welfare rolls by 10 to 20 percent."

### Massachusetts Center For Telecommunications And Information Technology

Senator Melconian's proposal to designate the Pioneer Valley as the Massachusetts Center for Telecommunications and Information Technology was recently endorsed by Governor Weld at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's economic summit in Holyoke.

Melconian said, "The Center's initiatives will transform the economic landscape of Western Massachusetts. By recruiting cable companies and back-office operations, we will be creating hundreds of jobs in the next year."

"Possible sources of funding include an Information Technology Bond Bill and Higher Education Bond Bill expected to be filed by the Governor. I call upon the Governor to move swiftly and release plans for both bond bills."

### Transportation Bond Bill

High priority projects contained in the Transportation Bond Bill remain stalled in the Conference Committee include:

- \* \$50 million for the Public Works Economic Development program which creates a fund for small towns and cities to access for financing of public works projects;

- \* \$1 million to construct an access route along Bowles Road connecting Route 57 to the Agawam Regional Industrial Park;

- \* \$1.5 million to develop and test a maglev prototype.

Melconian remarked, "It is imperative that the remaining provisions in the Transportation Bond Bill be enacted this year to allow adequate time for projects to be put out to bid for the start of next year's construction season."

"The legislature cannot allow another construction season to come and go. By revamping our infrastructure through a series of short-term and long-term projects, we will generate significant economic development and job benefits."

### Automobile Insurance Reform

Massachusetts consumers continue to pay one of the nation's highest automobile insurance premiums. In January, the Senate passed an auto insurance reform bill introduced by Senator Melconian that contains numerous consumer-oriented, cost-saving provisions including a mandatory 10-percent decrease in bodily injury premiums.

"The House has continued to hold this bill hostage despite commitments made by the House leadership to consider this critical legislation this year," she stated. "With this year's rate request, the auto insurance industry has given Massachusetts consumers a false sense of security. A comprehensive restructuring of the automobile insurance industry can still be enacted in time to influence next year's rate schedule, which will not be announced by the Division of Insurance until December."

"The legislature must not lose the opportunity to enact measures which will fuel economic prosperity by creating new jobs, reducing government waste, and putting more money in the pockets of consumers," concluded Melconian.

## Agawam Council On Aging To Host Debate On Casino On Thursday, Oct. 27th

The Agawam Council on Aging will be hosting a debate on casino gambling on Thursday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor.

A representative of Citizens Against Casino Gambling will debate Ed Carroll, owner of Riverside Park. Mr. Carroll has proposed a casino adjacent to his park on the riverfront.

A non-binding referendum will appear on the November ballot in Agawam and Springfield

which will ask voters if they approve or disapprove of casino gambling in their respective cities.

"We at the Council of Aging feel we have a responsibility to all citizens to provide a forum on important issues which will impact upon the town. We extend an invitation to all to join us for this important discussion," stated Peter Forastiere, chairman of the Council on Aging and moderator of the discussion.

## Guess Who...???

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## Looking Back...

Compiled and edited by  
David C. Gallano

### October 1973

#### October 26th - BOARD ASKS STATE, ARMY CORPS PROBE OF BONDI'S ISLAND

The Board of Health voted Tuesday to ask the state Public Health Department and Army Corps of Engineers to investigate Springfield's dump operation on Bondi's Island.

Town Manager James Westman said the town's agreement with Springfield was for operation of a sanitary landfill, "not a dump." He said the operation is a dump if the cover material is not put on frequently, in sufficient quantity or compacted properly.

Westman also told the Board he would seek aid from the University of Massachusetts consultants who conducted a study of the town's Health

### October 28th Is Last Day For Applying For Water Connections

The Agawam Department of Public Works announces that October 28, 1994 is the last date for applying for water connections, water connection renewals, sanitary sewer connections, or storm drain connections for installation prior to this winter.

Connections applied for after this date will not be installed until the spring of 1995.

(This notice does not apply to the homes in areas where connections have previously been installed to the property line.)

**PLEASE remember that our deadline is Tuesday at noon, but we appreciate those who bring in their copy on Monday.**

**Look Who's 21—  
Paula Lee-Ann  
Santaniello  
Happy Birthday**



Love,  
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#### Department earlier this year. OCTOBER 30th - CLERK CLEARS INCUMBENT OF ELECTORAL CHARGES

Town Clerk Edward A. Caba today cleared a Precinct 6 Town Council candidate of alleged violation of election laws during the primary.

Caba said after an intensive investigation into a charge lodged by Precinct 6 candidates Lucien Breault, Thomas Pemberton, and Charles Rossi, Jr., he has cleared incumbent candidate Cecilia Harrington of any wrong doing.

Caba said he talked to about 25 voters and precinct workers who were in James Clark School at the time the charge was made. "I talked to them and found no wrong doing," he said. He added that the three candidates alleged Harrington chatted with several persons after they voted.

#### OCTOBER 31st - TOWNWIDE HALLOWEEN PARTY SET FOR TONIGHT

The Committee for a Safe Halloween will sponsor a townwide Halloween party tonight for pre-school and school age children at various locations.

Thirteen locations will be utilized to provide the 4,000 school-age youngsters entertainment and refreshments. Each place will be supervised by

adults who represent various church, social, school, and fraternal organizations.

Youngsters will enjoy clowns, magicians, cartoons, prizes, and a bag full of treats. Pre-school and kindergarten children will be treated to an abbreviated program which will begin 15 minutes later than the program for children in grades one through five.

#### OCTOBER 31st - PLANNING BOARD REJECTS SHOPPING CENTER REZONING

The Planning Board has voted not to recommend a zone change which would allow a shopping center to be constructed at the corner of Silver and Suffield Streets.

The board voted 5-0 Monday to deny recommendation to Town Council on the petition of Carlo Bonavita, Silver Hills Village, Inc., for a \$2.5 million shopping center.

The board included in its decision a report outlining the ecological impact of a shopping center in that area. The report states that paving and development on the 23-acre site would negate the absorbency of the land which handles overflow from Three Mile and Tarkhill Brooks.

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## Fire Wise

### by Fire Chief David Pisano Juvenile Firesetters

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Unfortunately, simple curiosity—often combined with poor supervision—accounts for a large portion of the fires set by children, and the children who set fires are from a diverse group (with varied social backgrounds and varying motives).

Some children who set fires are from "unstable homes," and many come from poor families. However, the statistics do not define a specific racial or ethnic group to be involved, nor is it found that many of the children have serious problems.

When identified juvenile firesetters warrant prevention efforts, the Agawam Fire Department provides these suggestions:

- Reduce the likelihood that any child will engage in unsupervised or otherwise potentially dangerous firesetting by removing matches and lighters from reach.
- Reduce the likelihood that children who have engaged in occasional unsupervised and/or otherwise dangerous firesetting do not repeat this behavior by better supervision and/or corrective measures.
- Identify and work intensively with those children who have an established history of firesetting.

Should you know of (or suspect) a juvenile firesetter, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662 for help.

## Caring For Documents At Historic Museum

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum will offer a course on how to care for photographs and documents Wednesday, November 9th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Guy McLain, head of the museum's library and archives, will explain basic conservation, preparation, organization, storage and display techniques for treasured family memorabilia including daguerreotypes, contemporary photographs, and old and new documents.

Cost of the course is \$18 (\$15 for members of the Springfield Library & Museums). To register, call the museum at 413-732-3080.

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## Agawam Obituaries

### Nazzaro Iarrusso

Nazzaro Iarrusso, 56, of 1380 Main Street, Agawam, a group leader for Strathmore Paper Co. of Westfield, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He worked at Strathmore since 1959.

He was born and educated in San Giorgio, Del Sannio, Province of Benevento, Italy, and came to this country in 1959. He lived in Westfield before moving here in 1973.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and was a member of the Italian Fraternal Club of Westfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Linda T. Sonsini; a son, Joseph A. of Agawam; a daughter, Lisa M. Arduino of Westfield; four sisters, Josephine Nardacci, Maria Iommazzo, and Elvira Mottola, all of Westfield, and Antoinetta Liucci of Italy; and a grandchild.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Westfield.

### Robert J. Thompson

Robert J. Thompson, 52, of 6 Valley Street, Agawam, a 35-year employee for Security Windows in West Springfield, died Tuesday in Mercy Hospital.

Born in Agawam, he was a lifelong resident. He was a communicant of St. Theresa Church in Agawam.

He leaves his son, Robert J. Jr., of Agawam; his mother, Cecelia (Carmel) Thompson of Agawam; two brothers, Raymond C. Jr., of Chicopee, and Richard A. of Monson; a sister, Marlene A. Pezzimenti of Agawam; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral is on Friday morning, October 21st, at the Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

### Sophia Solon

Sophia (Sedares) Solon, 87, of 29 Western Drive, Agawam, a retired sales representative for the Martin L. Hall Co. of Boston (a coffee distributor), died in a local nursing home. She retired in 1965.

Born in Worcester, she lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1961. She was a member of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, and a member of its Philoptohos Society.

She was also a member of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

Her husband, Louis Solon, died in 1958. She leaves two daughters, Aglaia of Pelham, New York, and Franceska E. of Agawam; and a sister, Jennie Cronin of Auburn.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

### Nancy Barbero

Nancy (Calabrese) Barbero, 81, of 668 Cooper Street, Agawam, a retired 25-year assembly worker for WICO Electric of West Springfield, died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.


She retired in 1978. Previously, she was employed by the Photo Mount Co. of Holyoke.

Born in Springfield, she was a resident of Agawam for 80 years. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam.


She leaves her husband of 62 years, Emile S. Barbero; a son, Emile J. of Agawam; a sister, Peggy F. Bonavita of Agawam; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime but we need to see more of you on Monday to insure your copy appear in the Thursday paper.

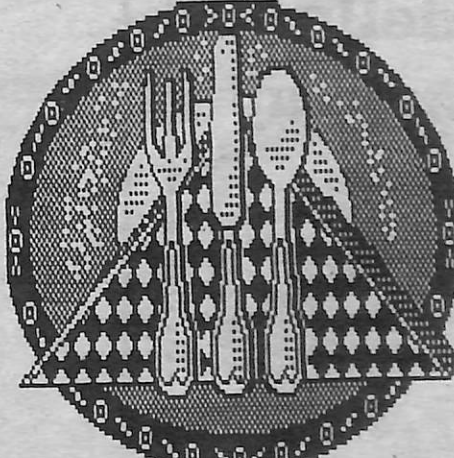


# Agawam Lions Club



## Harvest Pancake Breakfast

All proceeds to benefit the Scholarship Fund and other Lions projects



## Sunday, November 6th

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## Families

### Agawam At THE BIG E



**AGAWAM RESIDENTS** helping to run the popular Maine Potato exhibit in the Maine Building on the Avenue of States. From left - Marty Lehberger (chef), Carol Lehberger (manager), Tiny Daigneau, Cindy Weber, and Chris Surcar. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**TOWN RESIDENTS WORKING AT** Grinderama at THE BIG E included, from left - Bernie Steadman, Penny Seip, and Betty Wrigley. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## BIG E Breaks All-Time Record

"This is the year of a new beginning for The Big E, and what a fine beginning it has been," said Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary about the 73rd edition of The Big E.

The year 1994 marked the inauguration of the West Springfield, Massachusetts Fair as a 17-day event spanning three weekends. At its close on October 2nd, over 1.1 million satisfied visitors had experienced the superlative entertainment, exhibits, agricultural shows, rides, tasty treats, crafts and amusements of "New England's Great State Fair."

Total attendance from September 16th to October 2nd was tallied at 1,115,714, which broke the standing all-time record of the 1985 Big E by 6,494 visitors.

Weather conditions included six days of rain, with daytime temperatures ranging between approximately 55 and 80 degrees. Over the 17-day run, summery days turned to more crisp, autumn-like weather interspersed with occasional showers, and periodic downpours typical of New England conditions.

From opening-night fireworks, sponsored by Fleet Bank, to the grand finale Western Weekend, the 1994 Big E offered many new attractions. The Fair's premier exhibit, The White House Replica, sponsored by Big Y SuperMarkets, was a smashing success viewed by an estimated 80 percent of the fairgoing public. Occupying a large portion of the New England Center, the spectacular 60' x 20' replica depicted, in intricate, precise detail, the architectural structure, authentic furnishings and gardens of the Clinton White House on a one-inch to one-foot scale.

The Big E Championship Rodeo kicked off the final weekend of the Fair in the Coliseum with professional cowboys and cowgirls featured in a variety of traditional rodeo contests and events.

The Philadelphia Mummers fascinated concert and Daily Parade audiences with their string harmonies and elaborate, colorful, shining

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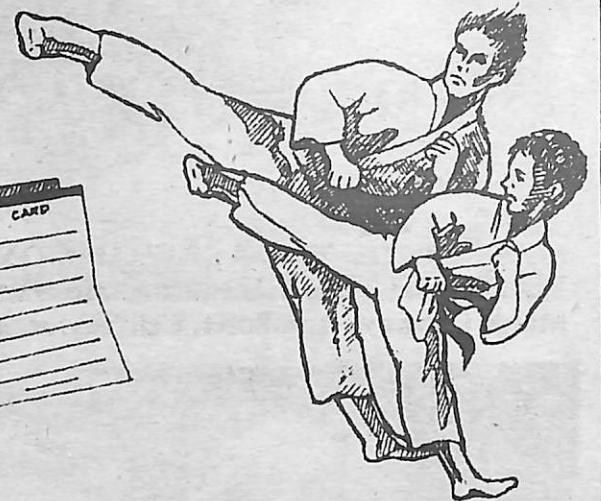
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## Agawam At THE BIG E - continued...



**THE GANG AT THE AGAWAM METHODIST CHURCH Restaurant at THE BIG E,** from left - Nelson St. Marie, Lynn Montgomery, Paula Bernier, Karl Bernier, Hope Champagne, and Nancy Massa. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LIONESSE CLUB** help out at the Agawam Lions Den Restaurant at THE BIG E, from left - Helen Merklein, Louise Moreno, Rosemarie Kieffer, Marge Conway, Ann Sorel, Ceil Taylor, and Millie Vassallo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AT THE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH Restaurant at THE BIG E,** from left - Lyle Pearsons, Dick Taylor, Chris Serra, and Anna Fish. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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costumes.

Fairgoers experienced a little bit of Italy at The Big E's Italian Festival, an authentic celebration of classic Italian food and entertainment. Diners chose between alfresco seating under umbrellas or inside the festival's 100' x 50' tent.

A new children's area premiered at Mallory Plaza which included the McDonaldland Stage and a second location of the popular Commerford's Petting Zoo, sponsored by Bob's Stores. Rides and amusements in the brand-new Kidland and refurbished Magic Midway brought squeals of joy to thousands of children and families every day.

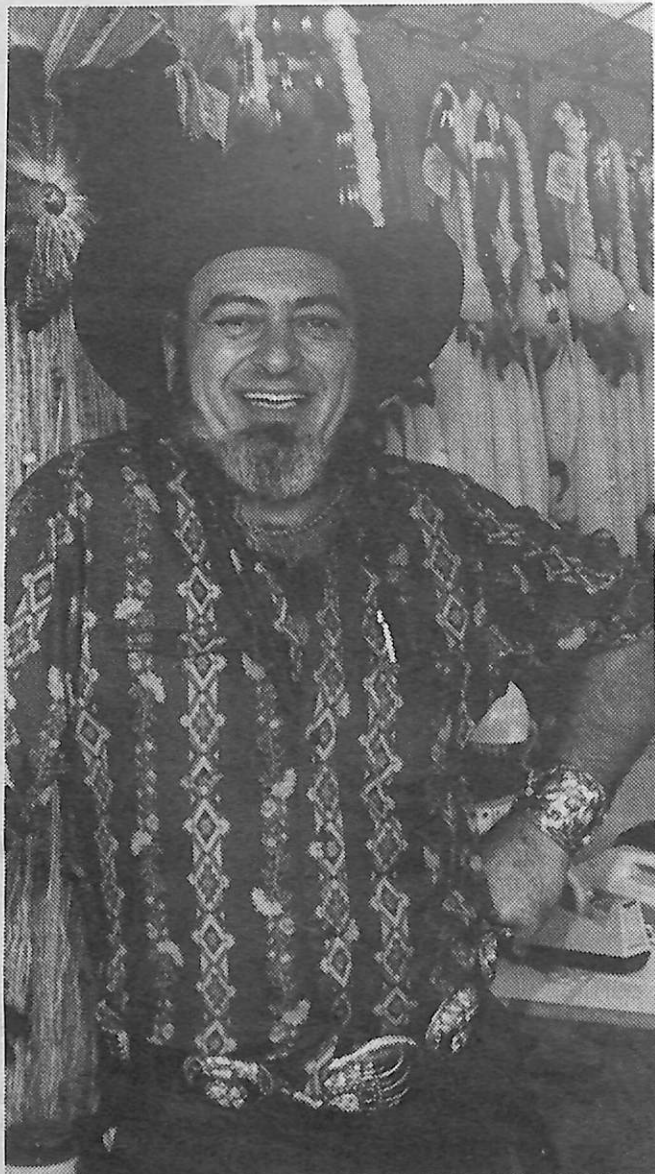
New animal additions included the appearance of a pair of two-month-old baby ostriches, presented by the New England Ratite Association at Farm-A-Rama, the ever-popular family attraction. The 1994 Big E also welcomed the first donkey ever born during the Fair, delivered at Commerford's Petting Zoo and named, appropriately, Little E.

At the State Line Gazebo on Storowton Village Green, the slapstick comedy of Disorderly Conduct and of Bounce and Ooo La La delighted visitors. Pat Rondinelli's Festival Band, The Land of Yo, and Julie and Brownie provided additional weekend enjoyment. Returning to the Village Green were authentic artisans Nick Nichols with antique tool demonstrations and A.K. Phillips, who shared the art of old-fashioned chair making. Buford Reedy, "The Crafty Carver," demonstrated the hand-carving of bowls.

Fascinating ice sculptors Steve Rose and Rich Gloster of Agawam and their Ice Effects team appeared at The Big E, sponsored by Polar Cap Ice, and drew crowds with their cutting-edge artwork in ice. The electrifying and robotic Mechanical Man and The Living Doll returned to rave reviews. Children of all ages enjoyed Cheerful Charlie the Clown, and Biggie, the official mascot of The Big E.

Contests and competitions are an integral part of The Big E, and 1994 saw the return of the Best Spam Recipe Contest, sponsored by SPAM/Hormel. Annette Sulser of West Springfield won the popular event with her Glazed Spam Loaf with Pineapple dish. A new contest at the Fair was the Fleischmann's Yeast Best-Ever Date Bread Competition, sponsored by Fleischmann's Yeast and Dromedary Dates. The contest was won by Leo Maron of Springfield with his Sweet Dough with Date and Pecan Filling recipe.

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**SANDY MACKINNON**, owner of the Eagle Dancer Gallery on Springfield Street, Agawam, had his shop set-up at THE BIG E with authentic Native American jewelry and clothes. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



## Agawam At THE BIG E - continued...

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Newly expanded Giant Pumpkin and Squash Contests were sponsored by New Milford Farms. The largest pumpkin in this event was 451 pounds and was grown by youth division winner Vera Farina, a seven-year-old from Southwick.

Back by popular demand at The Big E were Barn Tours, "The Original," sponsored by Freihofer's and the Hofbrauhaus Alpine Festival, a feast of Bavarian and classic European fare and entertainment.

The Big E Circus, under the Big Top, sponsored by Coca-Cola, brought the Royal Hanneford-Circus' hand-picked acts from four continents to almost 100,000 enthralled Fairgoers. Among its performers, the amazing Russian-born Dana Kaseeva ignited audiences with her hula hoop act, whirling as many as 50 rings about her body at once. Back by popular demand, Mark Karoly and his elephant and horseback riding stunts and circus clowning activated the crowds.

Along the Avenue of States, Fairgoers sampled the best of New England and learned about the states' agriculture, commerce, industry, and natural resources. The Connecticut Building unveiled a fully remodeled interior in 1994, its first major refurbishing since the building was erected in 1938.

Twenty thousand 4-H and FFA members were involved in The Big E's many agriculture and education events. There was an abundance of animals entered in the Fair's continuous livestock and horse competitions, in both youth and open class events.

Some 815 dairy cattle, 1,529 sheep, 376 goats, 277 beef cattle, 66 teams of oxen, 48 llamas, 73 swine, and 115 4-H horses made appearances at the Fair. Over 5,454 gallons of milk were produced during the 17 days. Over 24 tons of grain and 32 tons of hay were fed to the competing livestock and 8,000 bales of shavings and 2,200 bales of straw were used for their bedding.

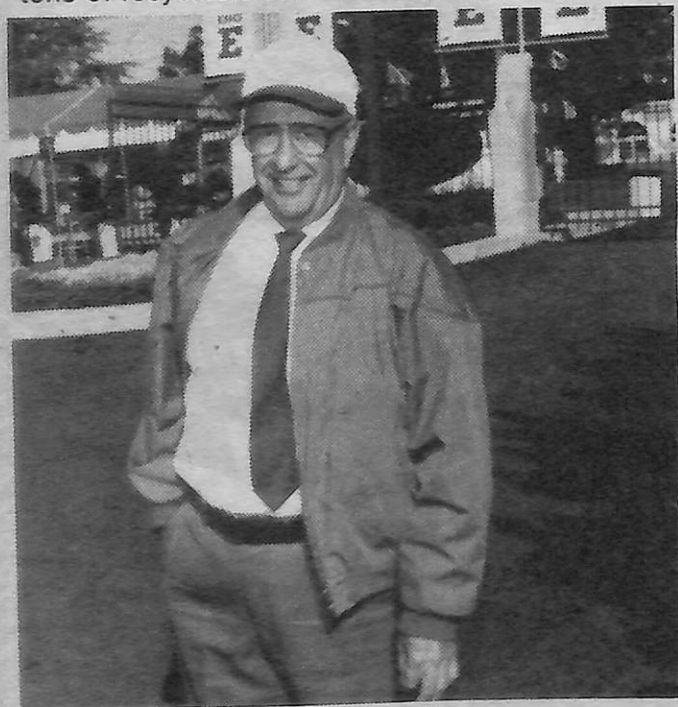
The 72nd annual Eastern States Exposition Horse Show brought 10 days of beauty and splendor to the Coliseum, with over 1,000 horses participating in hunter and jumper class, show horse and draft horse competitions.

Fairgoers perused a kaleidoscope of more than 469 outdoor and indoor exhibits to meet their recreational, home, industrial, educational, and aesthetic needs. The Better Living Center was a shoppers' paradise of domestic and international shopping. The Fair also featured 175 food locations where fairgoers could sample some of the tastiest treats in the Northeast.

Trademark edibles at the Fair were tempting; the traditional ice cream treats, fried dough, French fries, and cotton candy were joined by colossal fried whole onions, Greek gyro sandwiches and deep-dish pizza. Visitors consumed nearly 75,000 Maine baked potatoes, representing 29 tons of spuds covered with five tons of sour cream, three tons of cheddar cheese sauce, and 2.5 tons of butter.

They devoured 11 tons of roast chicken, served by the Agawam Lions Club; 30,000 slices of New Hampshire blueberry pie with 12,000 gallons of ice cream; over 45,000 slices of Vermont apple pie, washed down with 1,400 gallons of apple cider.

The White Hut dished out some 27,000 of their famous hot dogs and hamburgs, and the Rhode Island Building sold clam fritters made with 3.5 tons of Kenyon Clam Cake & Fritter Mix. At the end of each day, The Big E's maintenance crews hauled away 30 tons of trash, including several tons of recyclable cardboard and wood.



**VINCENT D'ADDARIO**, the well-known staff photographer of THE BIG E, was a "Host of the Day" during the fair's 17-day run. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS**, from left - Joe Bianca (president), John Negrucci, Joe Guy, Matt Blackak, and Edie Arnold were kept very busy at The Lions Den Restaurant during the 17-day run of THE BIG E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**TOWN RESIDENTS PAT LALANCETTE and ALICE PIETRONIRO** manned the Information Booth during the 17-day run of THE BIG E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**HELPING TO STAFF the Feeding Hills Congregational Church kitchen at THE BIG E** included, from left - Rev. Curt Fuller, Cynthia Good, Rob Donaldson, and Don Fogg. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



## Agawam At THE BIG E - continued...



FINI'S PLANT FARM in Feeding Hills was once again part of THE BIG E. Here, employee Carolyn Lawry selects a plant for a customer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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ROSALIE DIALESSI and her family again had a food booth at THE BIG E. This year the booth was moved to the new outdoor arena. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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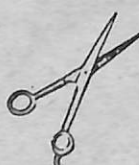
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## Friends In Harmony Hosting Info Night

Riverside Park has had the pleasure of presenting "Friends In Harmony," a community chorus that puts on shows on a regular basis.

With Riverside Park currently being in the process of distributing information on their plans for an entertainment complex, hotel, and riverboat, a few chorus members came up with the idea to do a "show" about it.

Riverside is in a position where the Mashantucket Indians in Connecticut and the Wampanog Indians in New Bedford, are building major amusement parks which will be on either side of Riverside.

"We are a family business that needs to establish a level competitive playing field in the amusement business. We need to somehow keep up with what's happening around us to stay in business," says Patti Carroll, sister of Edward J. Carroll, owner and operator of Riverside.

"We at least want people to know what we are proposing. My brother has put so much time into researching how to make this a family run operation and not let it hurt the Town of Agawam in any way. I just want people to come and hear the whole idea before they decide."

This is what this "show" is all about. It's a presentation of information regarding the Carroll family's building of Riverside Park and the future plans they have to stay competitive.

"My dad started with nothing and he did whatever he had to do to stay current and popular. I guess that is where my brother and I find ourselves," Ms. Carroll said.

The Carroll's have earned the respect of choral members who enthusiastically "insist" on helping present the Riverside story. "We know where Ed Carroll is coming from. He has been honest with us and he sincerely cares about the community. He has taken many steps to make this a workable situation with a lot of advantages for Agawam," said one chorus member.

"I just hope people will investigate before they vote. It has been well thought out and planned. Many of the concerns I had were taken care of in advance," the chorus member added.

The information night will take place on Wednesday, October 26th, at the Oaks Banquet House at 7:00 p.m. There will be an opportunity for questions after the presentation.

There is no charge for admission.



**FRIENDS IN HARMONY CAST MEMBERS** from Riverside Amusement Park are planning an information night on Wednesday, October 26th, at the Oaks Banquet House at 7:00 p.m.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## American Legion Women's Auxiliary Plan Sunday Brunch For October 30th

The American Legion Women's Auxiliary of Post 185 is sponsoring a Sunday Brunch, October 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the American Legion on Springfield Street, Agawam.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 10, with a share of the proceeds to be donated to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The focus of the Auxiliary's Children & Youth Program this year will be to raise funds for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) to help prevent child abuse. This will be the first of a series of monthly brunches Post 185's Women's Auxiliary plans to

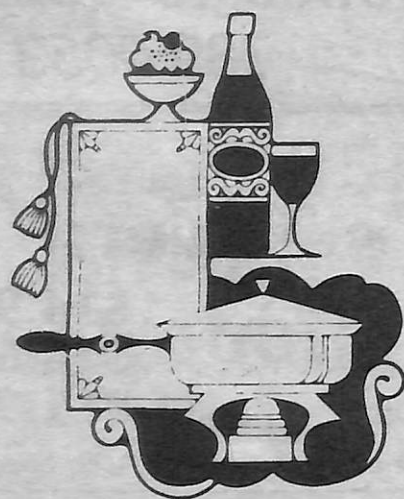
hold to help raise funds for this program and others the Auxiliary supports.

The theme, Stamp Out Child Abuse, Give Every Child a "GOOD START," is part of a larger program supported by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Massachusetts, Children & Youth Committee.

Tickets may be purchased at the Post in advance or at the door. Please join us to help "STAMP OUT CHILD ABUSE."

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## Safe Kids Coalition Offers Helpful Hints For A Fun Halloween

The Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition based at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital wants to assist parents in taking the "fright" out of fright night this year.

"There are steps parents can take to prevent their children from being injured this Halloween," said Shirley LaRoche, R.N., coordinator, Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition.

She noted that cumbersome costumes, wigs and masks, dark conditions, and careless motorists combine into a potentially deadly brew on Halloween night.

"Most Halloween injuries involve environmental hazards such as uneven pavement, high steps, and low-flying clotheslines. Motorists also pose a significant threat to young trick-or-treaters who can be difficult to see in their dark costumes."

Young trick-or-treaters should always be accompanied by an adult, reminded LaRoche. Older children should understand that they should trick-or-treat only at the homes of neighbors they know, and to visit only those homes with porch or outside lights on. Parents should also set a time for children to return home.

Above all, parents should tell their children to bring their treats home before eating, cautioned LaRoche.

She noted that according to the Massachusetts Poison Control Center, bringing candy or other treats for x-ray is strongly discouraged. Many substances cannot be detected by this method, and x-raying is no guarantee of safety and is costly in terms of health resources (without benefit to the public).

"It is especially important to remind children to practice traffic safety," LaRoche said.

She warned parents to remind their children to stop at all corners; to look left, right, and left again before crossing; and to never dart out from between parked cars.

The Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition based at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital recommends the following additional safety tips to help make the holiday a trick-free treat:

- Give trick-or-treaters flashlights.
- Make sure costumes are short enough to avoid tripping over them.
- Make sure children's masks are easy to look through and breathe through.
- Purchase only flame-resistant costumes.
- Attach the name, address, and phone number (including area code) of children under 12 to their clothes, but not in an easily visible place.
- Decorate costumes, bags, and sacks with reflective tape.

For further information, call 784-3616.

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## Town Hall Decorated For Halloween



TOWN HALL EMPLOYEE CHARLOTTE M. CEBULA breaks out the Halloween decorations on October 11th to get ready for the big day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Operation Friendship Slates Sweatshirt Sale For Fri., November 4th

Just in time for your holiday shopping, Operation Friendship is sponsoring a sweatshirt sale on Friday, November 4th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the community room of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

You'll be sure to find all your favorite brand names (including Champion, Polo, Cavaricci, and Co-Ed Naked) at wholesale prices.

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## Holiday Bazaar Set By Community Grange

Community Grange No. 382 of Feeding Hills will hold their annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills.

Items will include ornaments, knitted/crocheted sweaters, mittens, hats, plants, etc. Baked items will be available and there will be a raffle for various items, one of which will be a handsewn, full-size quilt.

Tickets can be purchased the day of the bazaar. A snack bar including sandwiches, coffee, and cold drinks will also be available.

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# Picking Pumpkins Is A Welcome Autumn Tradition

by Joan Lussier  
Staff Writer

You don't have to travel very far these days outside of Southwick and Suffield to see that Mother Nature has been busy with her palette and brush, painting the area with the vibrant colors of fall.

While the weather still allows us to enjoy cool nights and comfortable days, there are many activities in the area that can remind us of the beauty of nature such as leaf peeping, and many other outings to be enjoyed by the whole family.

On Ratley Road in West Suffield, **Cedar Brook Farms**, tastefully decorated to please both the young and young at heart, boasts of the 15 acres of pumpkins in their patch.

Growing pumpkins for the last 10 years, owner Stanley Falkowski said, "We have a lot of good pumpkins this year despite the summer with its heat, humidity, and rain."

The pick-your-own pumpkins are 15 cents per pound, can be picked from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the weekends, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, and will be available until October 31st.

We spoke to the Pender family from Agawam, who said they have made the trip to Cedar Brook Farms a yearly event for the last five years.

Also available at Cedar Brook Farms are gourds (3/\$1), corn stalks (\$3), bittersweet (\$3), and large orange bows (\$2.50).

If you continue to travel from Suffield to Southwick, on College Highway you might want to stop by **Putnam Farm Market**.

Here, you can find a whole array of items that remind us that fall is indeed here, such as a variety of homemade pies, including apple and pumpkin, that range from \$7.50 to \$8.50, cider in the half gallons and gallons, hot, mulled cider, homemade breads, Indian corn, gourds, apples, and mums for \$3.95 each or 3/\$11 for large and \$2.95 for small, and of course, pumpkins for 25 cents per pound.

Putnam Farm Market, owned by James and Janice Putnam is open every day, Sunday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and free hayrides are available on the weekends.

Also in Southwick on College Highway is **Pumpkin Valley Farms**, which is offering a free hayride to their pumpkin patch when you pick your own pumpkins.

On Point Grove Road in Southwick is **Blossoming Acres**. Their stand will be closing for the season on October 15th, but on Saturday, October 22nd, they will be having Customer Appreciation to thank their many patrons.

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**OVER AT CEDAR BROOK FARM** in West Suffield, the Pender Family of Agawam came back for the fifth straight year to pick pumpkins. Pender family members include Dan, Mary Ellen, Kevin, and Hannah, and neighborhood children Kevin & Tim Welch. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

## Ghosts & Ghouls Of Yesteryear Can Be Found At Old New England Haunted House

The ghosts and ghouls of yesteryear can be found at "Haunted Old New England," in Storowton Village Museum's Meeting House, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Authentic New England tales of the 18th and 19th centuries will be featured at this festive, family event. Storyteller and musician Damon Cook of Worcester, Mass. will spin tantalizing tales of yesteryear as he strums his guitar, conjuring up visions of witches, ghosts, pirates, and other frightful fiends. Suspense will fill the air dur-

ing spooky storytelling sessions told by candlelight in the historic church.

Visitors are invited to wear Halloween costumes and join in the spirit of the season. A festively decorated peddler's cart will be on hand, offering Halloween candy and decorations including candle holders, bats, witches, and more.

Admission to the frightful event is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children ages six to 16. Children under six will be admitted free.

For more information, contact Storowton Village Museum at (413) 787-0136.

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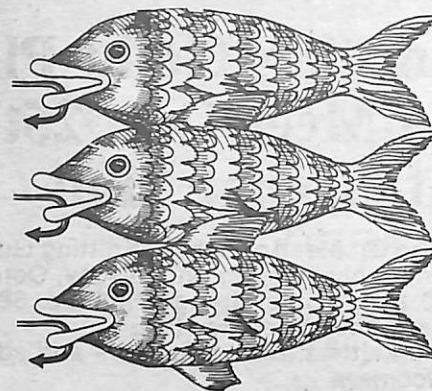
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**BLOSSOMING ACRES** in Southwick still has a nice selection of pumpkins. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

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If you're in the area, stop by Blossoming Acres on October 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for coffee for the adults and face painting and a petting zoo for the children.

One of the owners, Lois Davis, said that this year has been a very good year for the farm, and now that fall has arrived, they only have a handful of mums left out of the 1,500 plants they originally planted.

We all know that October will end with the scariest night of the year as witches, ghosts, and goblins all come out for Halloween, but before then, visit the area for the fun of choosing the perfect pumpkin to carve that jack-o-lantern, having plenty of apples on hand for bobbing, corn stalks, bows and mums for decorating, and cider for sipping.

Remember to patronize local business.

## Knitting Guild Plans To Meet Oct. 25th At Grange Hall

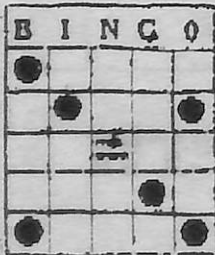
The Greater Springfield Knitting Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall No. 382, 47 North West Street, Feeding Hills.

All knitters, both beginners and advanced, are welcome.

For further information, contact Virginia Beauvais at 413-787-0124 or 413-732-1771.

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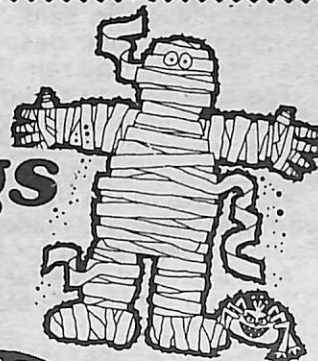
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**LOOKING FOR A PUMPKIN THIS HALLOWEEN?** A wide array of pumpkins can be picked at several locally-owned farm stands, including Putnam Farm Market (pictured above), located on College Highway in Southwick. At Putnam Farm Market, pumpkins are priced at 25¢ a pound. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

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## Angela M. Shuman Weds Gary A. Grout

Miss Angela M. Shuman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip W. Shuman of Arbor Lane, recently became the bride of Gary A. Grout, son of Mr. and Mrs. Agate Grout of Beekman Drive.

The Reverend Jeremiah McGrath of Texas, along with Father Karl Huller and Father George Greenway (both of Springfield), performed the ceremony at St. John the Evangelist Church on August 20, 1994.

Mrs. Wendy Collins attended her cousin as matron of honor, while Miss Shelley Tryba, Miss Kristie Fitzgerald, Mrs. Angela McMahon, and Miss Keegan Clark served as bridesmaids. Junior bridesmaids were Emily and Katherine Lapolice, and Sarah Rose Lapolice was the flower girl.

The groom's brother, Brian Grout, was the best man. Ushers were Michael Robie, Dave Zulkiewicz, Christopher Shuman, and P.J. Shuman. Two year-old Mikey Robie, Jr., was the ringbearer.

The bride wore a white, Italian lace traditional gown and carried roses, lilies, tube roses, stephanotis, and freesia (all in white). The bridesmaids wore purple, crepe-fitted dresses and carried white roses with rubrum lilies.

The couple graduated from Western New England College in 1991.

The bride is currently employed at the Agawam Flower & Gift Shop as the manager and floral designer. She is also a dance instructor at Maryann Studio of Dance.

The bridegroom is employed in Manchester, Connecticut, as an accountant for IMS Co.

## Ag. Women's Club To Meet Oct. 24th

The Agawam Women's Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, October 24th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

The club's past presidents will be honored during this meeting, and the evening's program will be presented by musician Ray Gelinis (piano and banjo sing-a-long).

The invocation will be given by Mrs. Alice Collins, and Mrs. Louise Matton is in charge of hospitality. Guests are always welcome.

For further information, call 786-3091 or 786-4506.

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## Jr. Women's Club Says When Clocks Turn, Batteries Should Be Changed In Detectors

The Junior Women's Club would like to remind the citizens of Agawam that during Fire Prevention Week (October 17th-21st), we encourage the public to change the batteries in their smoke detectors. ("Change your clock, change your battery.")

This year, we have read several articles in the paper regarding the death of firefighters (not necessarily in this town but in others) that might have been avoided. Several children have also been killed who were under the age of 14 who were left alone at home.

The President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs strongly recommends installing residential fire sprinklers to protect your family and home. There has never been a multiple loss of life due to fire or smoke in a building equipped

with a sprinkler system. For less than what homeowners pay to install carpeting, they can install an instant firefighting system that could save children, adults, senior citizens, and the family pet(s).

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The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

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## Cynthia Jochim Marries Joseph Martin

The marriage of Cynthia Jochim and Joseph Martin was performed at Saint Patrick's Church in Chicopee Falls on August 20, 1994.

Cynthia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jochim of Feeding Hills. Joseph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Martin of Agawam.

The couple was attended by Mr. Paul Poole as best man, and Miss Carolyn Jochim (sister of the bride) as the maid of honor.

Serving as bridesmaids were Shawna Moore, Kim Zielenski, Amy Schroeder, Christina Morassi, and Maureen Hersey. The ushers were Jim, Jeff, and John Martin (brothers of the groom), Rob Vandergrift, and Rick Leal (friends of the bridal couple).

Following a reception at Tekoa Country Club in Westfield, the couple left for a honeymoon in Aruba.

Joe and Cindy reside in Charlotte, North Carolina. Joe is employed by Simmons Company, and Cindy is a teacher at Bright Horizons.

## Halloween Party Set For Polish Club

A Halloween party will be held Saturday night, October 29th from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick Street (Rte. 57), Feeding Hills, in the rear main hall.

This special event is open to the public for persons 18 years of age and older. Entertainment will be provided by DJ "Count Daveula," playing Halloween favorites and top 40 music from the '50's through the '90's.

Festivities include a howl at the moon contest to see who can best imitate a Transylvania Werewolf. Prizes will also be awarded for best costumes or come as you are.

Admission for this gala event is \$5 and includes an all-night buffet. For more information, please phone 413-786-0927.

## Agawam/FH AARP To Meet Oct. 24th

The Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter No. 4915 of AARP will hold their monthly meeting on October 24th at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

Guest speaker will be Gerry Hoffman of the Massachusetts Legislation Commission. The topic for discussion is the graduated income tax.

A day trip to Cummington, Mass. is being planned. A date and meeting place for the trip will be made at this time. With reference to the Gephardt Bill, we would like to make it known that the National AARP did not speak for the local chapters. The Gephardt Bill will be discussed at the next meeting, and the national chapter will be advised of the group's feelings.

Once again, an invitation is extended to anyone 50 or over to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions, call President Jessie Fuller at 789-0657.

## Support Group For Widows And Widowers Offered By Forastiere Funeral Homes

Monthly support groups designed specifically for those whose spouse has died are provided by the FORASTIERE FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 25th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 181 Elm Street in East Longmeadow. It is ongoing; 12 months a year.

There is no pre-registration, nor commitment to attend. Those wishing to participate need merely to go to the group of choice. The group is facilitated by Grief Counselor Lila Forastiere.

This support group is just one of the many programs included in the Forastiere's *OPTIONS... for a brighter tomorrow*. As part of the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes' continuous commitment to helping those who are grieving, the *OPTIONS* programs are offered to anyone in the community at no charge.

For further information, call 733-5311.

## Turnverein To Hold Annual Craft Fair

Saturday, October 29th is the day for the Springfield Turnverein's annual Craft Fair. Located at 176 Garden Street in Feeding Hills, the fair (which will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) will feature local crafters displaying their beautiful work from Christmas items, flower arrangements, and children's clothing (just to name a few). There will also be a bake sale and plant table.

Lunch will also be available with such German specialties as sauerkraut, German potato salad, knockwurst, and even hot dogs being served. (Sauerkraut and potato salad will also be on sale to take home and enjoy later.)

So come and take a look at what is being offered. You may even find a Christmas gift or two, since the holidays will be here before we know it!



CYNTHIA M. DYAL

## Cynthia M. Dyal To Wed Michael B. Hanna

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dyal of Ocala, Florida, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Marie, to Michael B. Hanna. The parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Hanna, Sr., of Feeding Hills.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Lakewir High School in Ocala, Florida. She is now serving in the United States Air Force as a medical technician.

Her fiancé is also serving in the United States Air Force in the law enforcement unit. He is a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School.

A June 1995 wedding is planned in Ocala, Florida, with a reception to be held in Agawam in August 1995.

The couple will be residing in the Agawam area after their marriage.

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**FITNESS FIRST OWNER AND OPERATOR Kurt Welker presents a check for \$600 to Kathy Dowd of the Womanshelter/Companeras of Greater Springfield as Denise Moffatt (right), Fitness First marketing director, looks on.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Fitness First Makes Donation To Help Woman's Shelter

Fitness First recently presented a check for \$600 to the WOMANSHELTER/COMPANERAS of Greater Springfield. The proceeds were raised at the second annual "Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament" at Shaker Farms Country Club and presented in Vicki's name.

Vicki Sleeper was the Aquatic Director at Fitness First prior to her death last September by her husband. Vicki was always an inspiration to members and staff to be happy and love life. The owners and staff at Fitness First feel strongly that Vicki would have wanted other women to have that opportunity and to fight back against abuse.

"This generous contribution is a large help in the ongoing battle against domestic violence," said Kathleen Dowd of the WOMANSHELTER/COMPANERAS.

The WOMANSHELTER/COMPANERAS is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the goal of reduction and prevention of abuse against women through support, education, and collective struggle. The shelter works to make violence-free living a reality throughout Western Massachusetts.

They provide emergency shelter, advocacy, counseling, and support groups. They also seek permanent solutions to the growing problems of domestic violence through extensive community education programs.

Dowd stated, "The number of women and children served by the WOMANSHELTER/COMPANERAS (in the area) increased by 93 percent in the past year! The statistics below are staggering."

Hotline Calls Received .....	1,817
Women Receiving Services .....	240
Children Receiving Services .....	470
Women Sheltered .....	62
Children Sheltered .....	120
Number of Beds Available .....	24
Teen Dating Violence & Awareness: Students Reached .....	5,783
Workshops .....	180
Community Education: Persons Reached .....	2,718

Fitness First owners Kurt and Paula Welker chose the WOMANSHELTER/COMPANERAS as the recipient of the money in the hopes of saving other women from the same kind of abuse that Vicki suffered.

## Ag. Citizens For Life To Meet October 25th

The Agawam Chapter of Mass. Citizens for Life will meet on Tuesday, October 25th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Police Station Community Room. All are welcome. For more information, please call 789-4117.



LAURIE HUFFMAN & DAN BRYDEN

## Laurie Huffman To Wed Dan Bryden

The engagement of Laurie Huffman of West Springfield and Dan Bryden of Agawam has been announced by the future bride's parents, Carol Huffman of West Springfield and John Huffman, Sr., of Feeding Hills. The future bridegroom is the son of John and Joan Bryden of Agawam.

The future bride is a graduate of West Springfield High School and is presently attending STCC in pursuit of an associate's degree in radiography. She is employed by Lido Restaurant in Springfield.

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Agawam High School. He is employed by Continental Cablevision of Westfield.

A November 11, 1995 wedding is planned.

## Airman Morassi Grad Of Special Course

Air National Guard Senior Airman Jeffrey S. Morassi has graduated from the aerospace ground equipment mechanic course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Students were taught the inspection, maintenance, and repair of aircraft ground equipment. Included in the training were pertinent administrative tasks and safety procedures.

Morassi is the son of John J. Morassi of 534 Cooper St., and Karen L. Morassi of 237 High St., both of Agawam.

He is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School.

## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, October 24th:** American chop suey, broccoli & cauliflower, oatmeal bread, fresh pear.

**Tuesday, October 25th:** Stuffed pork chopette, mashed potatoes, green beans, oatmeal bread, applesauce with raisins.

**Wednesday, October 26th:** Baked chicken breast, au-gratin potatoes, acorn squash, whole wheat bread, jello with fruit.

**Thursday, October 27th:** Grape juice, shepherd's pie, carrot coins, pumpernickel bread, mixed fruit.

**Friday, October 28th:** Clam chowder, egg salad sandwich, tomato/cucumber salad, prunes.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

## Friends Of Sr. Center To Hold Dinner To Benefit Elderly

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center and the Agawam Council on Aging will hold their annual dinner to benefit Agawam's seniors.

The event will be held Friday, November 4th at the Agawam Senior Center.

The social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. On hand will be Gary Brodeur, well-known ventriloquist who will entertain diners for the evening.

The highlight of the dinner will be the presentation of the FRIENDS' annual Friendship Award and the Andrew Gallano Award. Both awards will honor the recipients for their work or service on behalf of the senior citizens of Agawam.

Tickets for the event are \$12 and may be obtained from FRIENDS board members, COA members, and the Agawam Senior Center.



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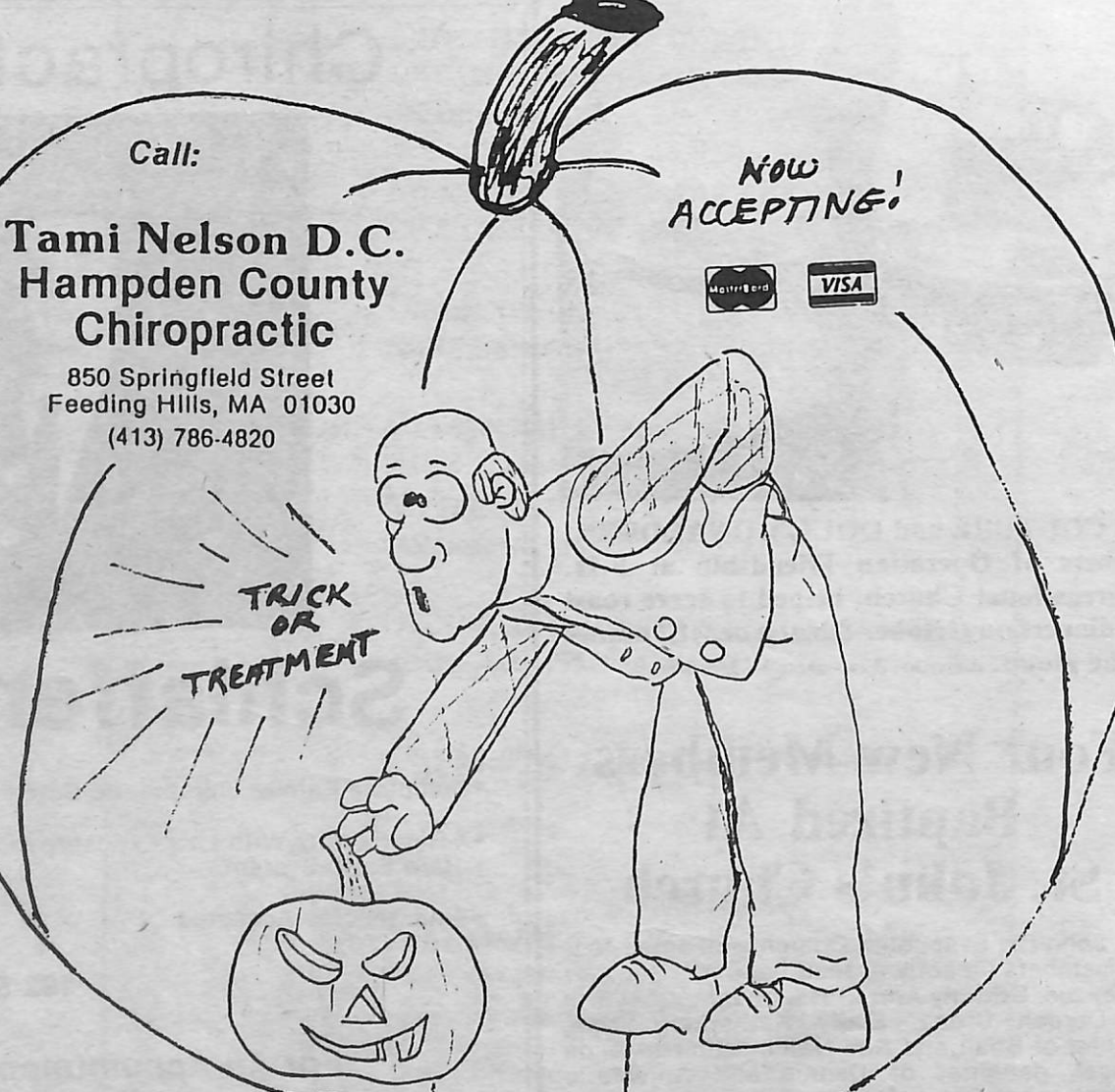
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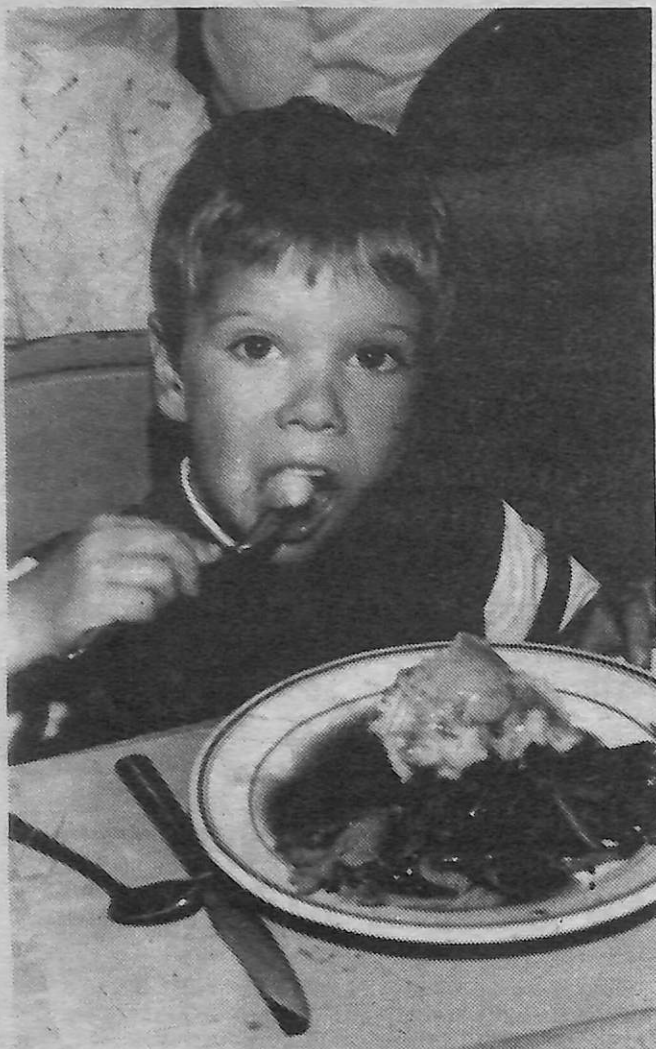
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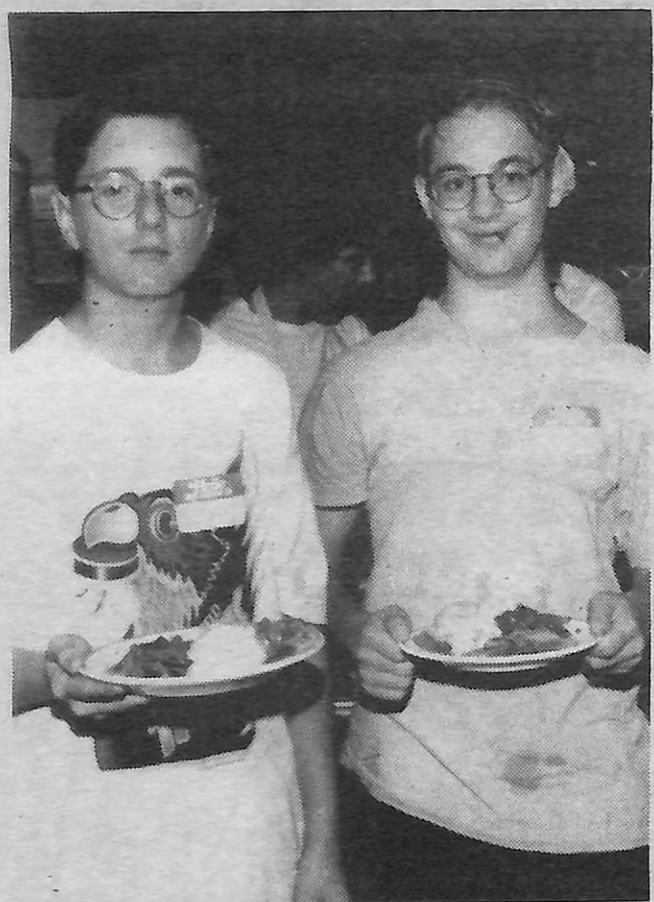


## Church News

### Operation Friendship Dinner At F.H. Congo



**FOUR YEAR-OLD STEPHEN RICE** enjoys his roast beef dinner sponsored by Operation Friendship on October 8th at Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**JON COUTURE and DOUG DONALDSON**, members of Operation Friendship at F.H. Congregational Church, helped to serve roast beef dinners on October 8th at a benefit dinner for the group. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Four New Members Baptized At St. John's Church

St. John the Evangelist Church welcomed four new members recently at their baptism.

They are: **Brittany Ann Cross**, daughter of Larry and Doreen Cross; **Emily Katherine Pirnie**, daughter of Brian and Kim Nardi; **Kathleen Anne Stempel**, daughter of Dennis and Ann-Marie Stempel; and **Sean Robert Tetreault**, son of Steven and Tracy Tetreault.



**THE KITCHEN CREW** for the October 8th dinner sponsored by the Operation Friendship Chapter at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church included Jackie Gilmartin, Dave Cassanelli, and Rev. Rob Donaldson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Shoe Sale Being Set By St. John's Guild

On Tuesday evening, October 25th, St. John's Guild will sponsor a shoe sale at St. John's Parish Center directly in the rear of the parking lot of St. John's Church.

All shoes are brand new and will be for sale at a low price of \$12.

The sale will be held from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

If you want any information, please call 786-7385.

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On Tuesday evening, November 8th, St. John's Guild will host a sweatshirt sale in the meeting room of St. John's Parish Center.

All sweatshirts and other merchandise are name-brand items. Sale hours will be from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The public is invited.

If you have any questions, call Bea Couture at 786-7385.

### Sweatshirts On Sale By St. Theresa Women

St. Theresa Women's Club is sponsoring a sweatshirt sale on Saturday, October 22nd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Odette Benjamin Center, 74 Bridge Street, Agawam.

Assorted sizes and styles will be available.

### Lutheran Church Plans German Supper

Grace Lutheran Church will hold a German Roast Pork/Sauerkraut Supper in the fellowship hall, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield, on Saturday, October 29th, with sittings at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages five through 12.

For reservations, call Joyce at 562-6895 or the church office at 734-9268.

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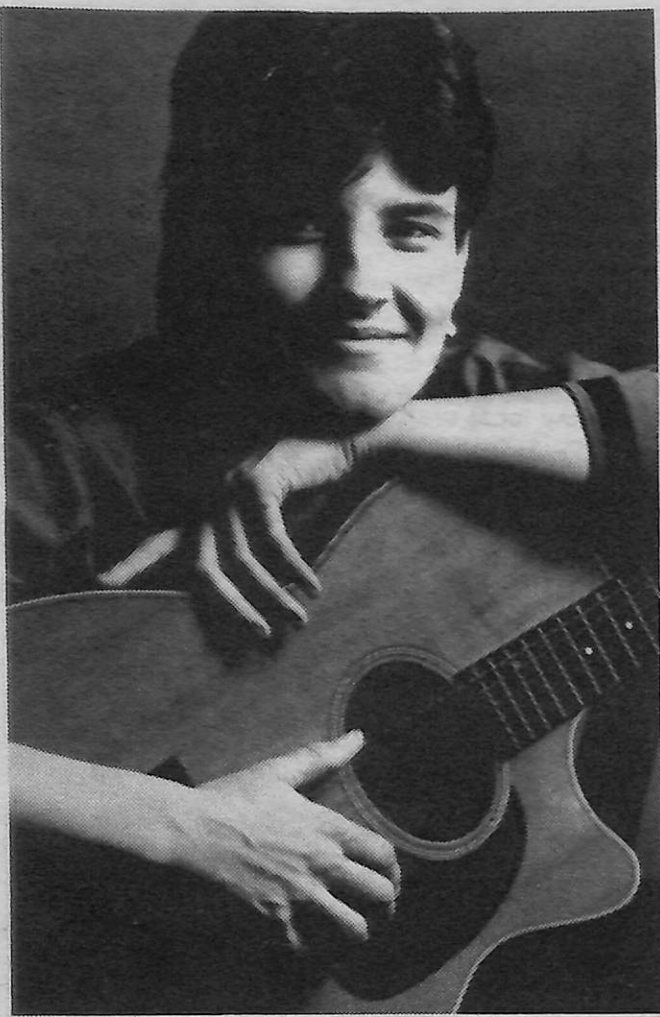
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## Church News - continued...



PAT HUMPHRIES

## Coffeehouse Concert At F.H. Congo Church

The "One More Song" Coffeehouse Concert Series, sponsored by Feeding Hills Congregational Church, will present a performance of the thought-provoking songs of Pat Humphries on Saturday, October 22nd, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

The concert will be held in Griswold Hall and Memorial Hall at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Admission is \$8, and tickets are available for purchase at the door prior to the performance.

With a beautiful alto voice, Pam Humphries sings songs that can cause her listeners to think, feel, laugh, cry, and join in. Though she performs some pieces a cappella, most often Pat accompanies herself on guitar or banjo. Incidentally, her concert on October 22nd will be the first concert of the first season at the "One More Song" Coffeehouse.

Pat sings with a presence that is a combination of passion, sensitivity, good musicianship, and the ability to put words to music. She has a gift for tackling the toughest issues and always finding hope in the same place: community.

Pat is not only popular with her audiences but also with other artists. Her songs have been sung by artists such as Pete Seeger, Ronnie Gilbert, Lui Collins, Charlie King, Judy Small and Magpie, among others. Pete Seeger describes Pat Humphries' song, *Never Turning Back*, as "one of the best songs I've heard in 50 years ... an extraordinary song."

With her repertoire of powerful, singable songs and her enchanting stage presence, Pat assures her audience an exciting, entertaining, and thought-provoking experience.

The "One More Song" Coffeehouse is a smoke- and alcohol-free listening place. Long candle-lit tables surround a low, centrally-located stage. Homemade snacks as well as hot and cold beverages will be available.

Music ranging in style from traditional to contemporary will be presented at the "One More Song" Coffeehouse.

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## Weekly Calendar Of Events At Ag. Congregational Church

Our Junior High youth will be traveling to Shriners this Friday, October 21st, to visit and eat pizza with the children there.

Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. We will return by 8:00 p.m. to rehearse for the worship service on Sunday, October 30th.

The Sunday morning Worship Service continues at 10:30 a.m.

This Sunday begins our "Called To Care Informational Fall Forums" at 9:15 a.m. The topic will be "Long-Term Care Issues" by Mary Ellen Sullivan, D.P.W.

On October 30th, the topic will be "Financial Planning" by Rufus Cashman, U.C.C. Representative. The final forum on November 6th will be "Alzheimer's Disease" by Carole Shulte, V.N.A. of

Pioneer Valley A.D. Coordinator.

Coffee and donuts will be served. Please plan to attend these most informative meetings.

Our 3-2-1-Kindergarten group will meet this Saturday, October 22nd, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. here at the church.

All kindergarten through third grade students are welcome. Bring a friend!

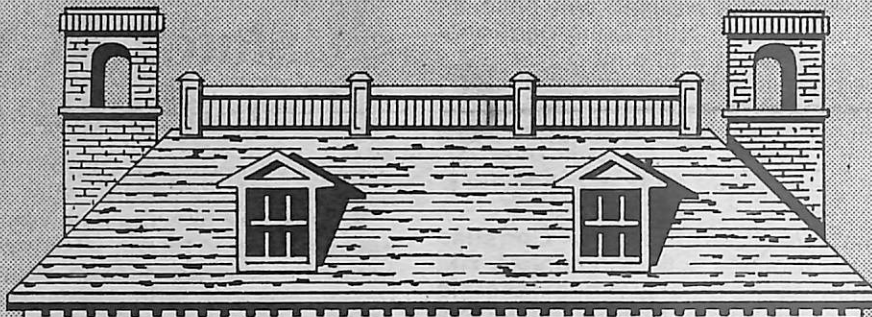
Playgroup is every Wednesday and Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. The Playgroup follows the school calendar year and is open to all infants through five year-olds.

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## Church News - continued...

## Valley Community Church Welcomes Missionary Family

Valley Community Church is excited in welcoming a visiting missionary family during the Sunday Worship Service on October 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

Ken and Cindy Spaug and their four children are career missionaries now working in Mexico. The Spaughs originally started their missionary work on a short-term basis with a trip to Guatemala in 1988; but, seeing the great need in the world today, this short-term trip became a career commitment.

During the church service, they will take some time to explain their roles as missionaries in Mexico.

This unique church service is open to everyone who would like to know more about the inspiration of missionary work. The Spaug family will also be available for personal questions during a coffee hour immediately following the church service.

Valley Community Church is located "high on a hilltop" (overlooking the beautiful colors of Fall) at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

## News &amp; Notes From Feeding Hills Cong.

This week Rev. Donaldson's sermon will be "With Open Eyes."

We welcome the Foster Memorial Church Bell Choir as a musical addition to our Sunday Service this week.

Come and enjoy as they make their "joyful noise unto the Lord."

"One More Song Coffee House" will have its first concert at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on October 22nd at 8:00 p.m.

Pat Humphries, a warm-voiced alto, will sing songs that address a wide range of social issues. Tickets are only \$8 and will be available at the door.

For more information, call (413) 789-1750.

Bread for the World is the only Christian citizens' lobby that focuses solely on hunger. You can help by coming to the organizational meeting for a new chapter to be held at Feeding Hills Congregational Church on October 25th at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 786-5061.

On the calendar this week:

**October 23rd:** CROP Walk; 10-Plus Youth Group; 7:00 p.m., 21-Plus Club.

**October 25th:** 7:30 p.m., Bread for the World Meeting.

**October 26th:** 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 8:00 p.m., A.A.

**October 29th:** 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Youth Group Halloween Party.

*Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday but thanks for Monday!!!*

## Member Canvas At Ag. Congregational To Start Nov. 6th

The Agawam United Methodist Church is getting ready for its Annual Every Member Canvas, which will begin on Sunday, November 6th.

This campaign will enable the church to not only create a working budget for the year ahead, but also to fulfill its purpose as a caring agent in the community.

At the Administrative Council meeting on Thursday, October 13th, the church's Mission Committee named October as "Mission Month."

The committee actively involves the church in both mission and community ventures such as helping to meet the needs of children in Estonia; procuring gifts for parents and children of parents in prison; helping the Open Pantry to raise funds for fuel assistance for the less fortunate; and continuing with the "sunshine basket," which makes life both meaningful and interesting for the sick and hospitalized.

Looking ahead: A "New Challenge" which calls for the care of the whole church by the whole church, has been accepted and is being put into action.

It's aim is the enhancement of communication and the care that is peculiar to God's people.

This Sunday, October 23rd, Agawam United Methodist Church will hold its Family Worship at 9:30 a.m., as well as the Children's Story and Sunday School.

The coffee hour is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Nursery care will be available.

At 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 23rd, the church will hold a Prayer Service and Song.

## Ham And Bean Supper Slated At Valley Community Church

Valley Community Church will be holding its next monthly supper on Saturday, November 12th.

For this supper, the menu will consist of baked ham with baked beans. Also included is scalloped potatoes, carrots, tossed salad, pickles, olives, rolls with butter, and a beverage. And, to top it all off, take your choice from our "community famous" dessert table.

Seating begins at 5:00 p.m. and will last until 7:00 p.m. The cost is still only \$6.50 for adults, and \$3.25 for children.

Reservations are strongly suggested for this baked ham and bean supper by calling the church secretary at 786-2445.

Try to come early so you can see the sun set across the valley on the beautiful colors of fall from "high on a hilltop" at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

## Fall Craft Festival To Be Held Oct. 22nd By Catholic Women

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its Fall Festival of Crafts on Saturday, October 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam.

Many local crafters will display their products for your browsing and shopping enjoyment. These include hand-decorated wearables, twisted paper dolls, holiday decorations, hand knits and crochets, holiday porcelain petals and silk flowers, and Austrian crystal necklaces.

Also available will be needlepoint tissue covers, magic money holders, country gourmet baskets and coffee gourmet, wood, and needlework, dolls and paintings, country wood-crafts, and tablecloths and pillowcases, among others.

Judy Shrader, chairwoman of the festival, invites the public to attend and enjoy the displays, have coffee and pastry or lunch, and shop at the bake sale as well.

There is no admission charge and there is plenty of free parking. All proceeds go into the scholarship fund.

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The Town of Agawam is requesting proposals for the leasing of a portion of Tuckahoe Turf Farm for agricultural use. Proposals are being accepted for 3 and/or 5 year leases. The Request for Proposals may be obtained at the Agawam Town Clerk's Office or the Office of Planning and Community Development, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Massachusetts from October 15, 1994 until November 4, 1994.

All proposals must be submitted to the Agawam Mayor's Office before 12:00 P.M., November 7, 1994 at which time the Non-Price Proposal will be opened.

The Tuckahoe Turf Farm Committee and the Mayor of Agawam will review the proposals and accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Agawam.

The Town of Agawam reserves the right to reject any proposal in whole or in part and to accept any proposal or any item of any proposal or to negotiate non-price portions of the project if deemed in the best interest of the Town.

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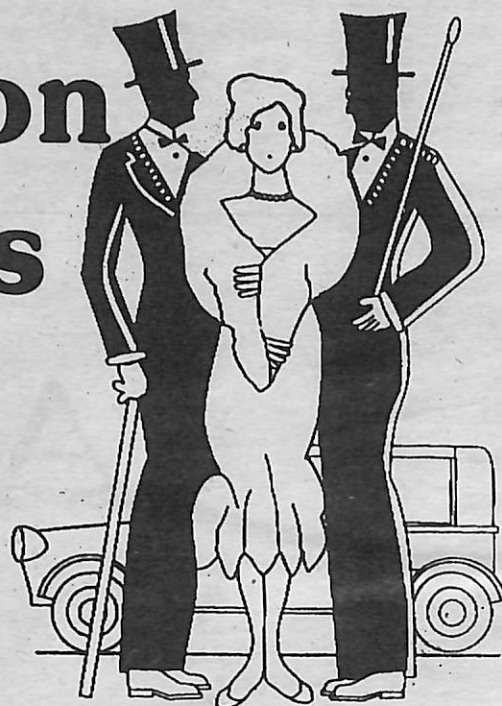


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# Evening Of Information On Riverside Park's Proposal For Riverboat Gaming

*Come & Get Your Questions Answered*



"I wonder if people realize that in getting the riverboat in Agawam that the town will benefit tremendously in capital improvements, for example, new schools or a fire station, and it will not come out of our property taxes."

*"Concerned Agawam Voter"*

"I hope people will at least come and hear the proposal before they decide. So much has been put into the research, keeping it a family-run operation, having adequate parking so that the traffic is kept off the streets. It is vital to the future of Riverside. I would only hope people find out about the proposal and make an educated vote."

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Riverside Park

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## Riverside Park

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"As a local employer Riverside has always been here for us. Times are changing and it's inevitable that complexes like Foxwood are the entertainment of the future. I would want to see it at Riverside because I know they will be responsible to the community as they have in the past."

Agawam Resident

"If Springfield gets a casino in the city, people will still use our roads to get there. We will then end up with all of the problems and none of the revenue or benefits."

Agawam Resident

"Don't oppose the Riverside proposal without investigating it. Go and see the top-class facility at Foxwood and realize what it's done for the economy. We could have this locally. It's not an Atlantic City being proposed. It's something that fits into our community."

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## Why you should vote No on Question #11.

**Crime:** "It is inevitable that this kind of business (casino gambling) will increase crime... Complusive gamblers will commit millions of dollars in crime" to get money to wager at casinos.

United States Attorney Donald Stern  
Boston Globe April 13, 1994

**Traffic:** "Foxwoods Resort & Casino caused traffic to increase by almost 800 percent on Lantern Hill Road and by about 700 percent on Route 214 from December 1991 to last July, according to a report released this week by the town planner and engineer. The biggest traffic increases were found between midnight and 6 a.m. Sunday at Lantern Hill Road south of Route 214, and on Route 214 between the Shewville Road intersections. On Lantern Hill Road, the number of cars rose from 24 in December of 1991, to 203 in July of 1994, an increase of 746 percent. On Route 214, the number of cars increased from 89 in December 1991, to 682 in July 1994, an increase of 666 percent"

The Day August 1994

**Effect on local business:** "In Atlantic City the number of restaurants declined from 243 in 1977, the year after casinos were legalized there, to 146 in 1987. Casinos can use their free meals and drinks to promote gambling as write-offs against their casino profits. By 1991 Atlantic City casinos were dedicating \$234 million for promotional food and drinks."

Robert Goodman March 1994

Legalized Gambling as a Strategy for Economic Development

### We, the following citizens of Agawam, urge you to vote NO on Question #11.

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 Sherry & Matthew Ardolino  
 Richard & Ann Bellico  
 Bob & Ruth Bushey  
 Tony & Jane Fazio  
 Laura Bouley  
 Pam Hallock  
 Gisele & Tony Sotolotto  
 Gerald & Donna Burke  
 Helen Bodurtha  
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 Patricia Matte  
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## Spotlight On Business



CHERYL REISNER

### Cheryl Reisner At Realtor Institute

George R. Yerrall, President of Stearns & Yerrall Realtors, announces that Cheryl Reisner of the Agawam Sales Office has successfully completed Course 101 of the 1994 REALTOR Institute of Massachusetts held recently at MAR Headquarters.

The association sponsors Institutes throughout the year for REALTORS and REALTOR-ASSOCIATES as part of its continuing education program. Upon completion of six 15-hour courses, Institute participants receive the nationally recognized designation "GRI" (Graduate, REALTOR Institute).

Of over 82,000 GRI's nationwide, there are over 2,500 in Massachusetts. The Institute includes such subjects as Residential Construction and Design, Listings, Pricing Property, Marketing, Law, Finance, Ethics, Management, Advertising, Real Estate Calculator, and Taxation.

Course 101 covers business skills, advertising, obtaining listings, closing, qualifying the buyer, and creative financing. Approximately 50 people attended the Institute.

Cheryl Reisner has been a REALTOR for 10 years and is a member of the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors, and she currently resides in Chicopee.



CHARLES D'AMOUR (LEFT), CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER of Big Y Foods, Inc., and Cornelius D. Mahoney, President and Chief Executive Officer of Woronoco Savings Bank, review plans for full-service Woronoco branches to be located in two Western Massachusetts Big Y "World Class Markets."

### Woronoco Savings To Open Branch Offices In Two Big Y "World Class Markets"

Woronoco Savings Bank President and CEO Cornelius D. Mahoney, and Big Y Foods, Inc. Chief Operating Officer Charles D'Amour, have jointly announced the opening of full-service, in-store Woronoco Savings Bank branches in two Big Y "World Class Markets," one located at 800 Boston Road and the other in Century Plaza on Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

Scheduled to be fully operational in November, the Big Y Woronoco branches will offer all the Woronoco banking services available at traditional branches, including savings and checking accounts, personal loans, mortgages, and ATM machines.

"The cooperation of Woronoco Savings Bank and Big Y Foods, Inc. in bringing superior essential services to customers with the greatest convenience possible continues long traditions of innovation and community involvement by both organizations," Mahoney says. "Our philosophies are similar. This joining of two strong consumer franchises will benefit our customers as well as ourselves."

According to D'Amour, an in-store bank located in one of Big Y's Worcester supermarkets has been very successful in increasing traffic for the store and customers for the participating bank. "We're enthusiastically looking forward to the opening of Woronoco branches at these Big Y supermarkets. It is in keeping with Big Y's mission 'to not only anticipate customer's needs, but to exceed their expectations.' By including a full-service bank with Woronoco's reputation for innovation, we have added another important convenience to two of our 'World Class Markets,' which already offers customers such time-saving advantages as in-store dining and dry cleaning services."

Since Paul and Gerald D'Amour opened the Y Cash Market in 1936, and Chicopee's first supermarket in 1952, the Big Y Foods, Inc. chain has grown to 32 supermarkets located throughout Western Massachusetts and in Connecticut.

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**Spotlight On Business - continued...****Century 21**by  
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Securing a good home mortgage from a lender can prove difficult, at best. Buyers are typically asked by loan officers to gather detailed statements of their financial history, including earnings and credit. For many, bad credit ratings can block quick mortgage approvals, even if the money is there to cover monthly payments. Others have a hard time verifying income that is necessary to carry out the mortgage.

But, what if you are successfully self-employed, in good credit standing, yet have trouble showing a steady income as a result of a couple of slow business years? It may be hard to get a typical mortgage loan approved.

That's why in these tough economic times, “no income verification” (NIV) loans are making a comeback. Gaining national prominence over a

decade ago, NIV loans helped many self-employed business people land a solid home loan when business times were bad.

As long as the applicant can exhibit a long-standing ability to carry monthly payments, the origin of cash is considered irrelevant in the eyes of NIV mortgage lenders. However, applicants must show a spotless retail credit record and put up a 30 percent down payment on their home to qualify. Retail credit is considered department store charge cards, gas card, and credit cards.

As part of the application process, lenders will ask to see year-to-date pay stubs and bank statements from the last three months. Tax returns may be required.

Large loans—usually \$200,000 and up—are easier to secure within the NIV format. Paying the steep up-front costs associated with these loans usually convince a lender that you can cover the payments. Retail credit ratings that show prompt payments within the last 12 months are essential for approval.

NIV or “no-documentation” loans became notorious in the 1980's because of a high default rate. Suffering from sloppy applications and risky qualifiers, a large number of NIV holders failed to meet their loan obligations during the 1980's. However, the new breed of “no-documentation” mortgages carry tougher requirements than years past. They also remain a logical alternative for those who have sufficient capital and a perfect retail credit rating, but have difficulty proving steady income over the last two years.

If you're used to paying everything in cash and carry no credit history, don't waste your time with an NIV loan. Proof of credit performance is essential to landing a no-hassle mortgage.

NIV loans are also available for second or vacation homes and refinancing your current mortgage. The same down payment and credit restrictions apply.

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George R. Yerrall, President of Stearns & Yerrall Realtors, Inc., is pleased to announce that the following agents have recently received awards for their outstanding achievements while participating in the intensive Floyd Wickman Course.

**Carmine Capua** of the Longmeadow Sales Office won the Top Lister/Transaction award; **Nona Billions** of the Longmeadow Sales Office was awarded the Top Lister/Dollar Volume honor; **Doug Coombs** was the winner of the Top Overall Producer/Transactions award; and **Priscilla Harman** of the Agawam Sales Office was the recipient of the Top Overall Producer/Dollar Volume honor.

Agents receiving the “On Track” award (those agents obtaining one or more listings per week) include: Carmine Capua and Doug Coombs from the Longmeadow Sales Office; **Luiza Berman** of the Westfield Sales Office; **Priscilla Harman** of the Agawam Sales Office; and **Pat Booth** and **Roberta Johnson** of the Springfield Sales Office.

The Floyd Wickman Course is considered by many as the toughest sales training program available to Real Estate agents today. Students must meet strict standards of conduct and complete an intensive 11-week program of skill building. Floyd Wickman Courses is based in Troy, MI, and has graduated over 50,000 salespeople since 1980.

Congratulations are extended to this group of Stearns & Yerrall agents for their outstanding achievements!

**WORONOCO SAVINGS - from Page 34...**

D'Amour says, “That number will increase before 1995, and plans for the future include both expansion of current supermarkets and new store openings.”

Established in Westfield, Massachusetts, in 1871, Woronoco Savings Bank currently operates five offices in Westfield, Hadley, and Southwick. “By simultaneously opening these two new branches, making seven full-service Woronoco offices, the number of households Woronoco Savings Bank will be able to serve will increase more than seven times,” Woronoco President and CEO Mahoney says.

“The entirely new concept for Western Massachusetts of six-day-a-week extended banking hours, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday, and one-stop supermarket shopping offers customers of Woronoco and Big Y a dramatic increase in convenience.”

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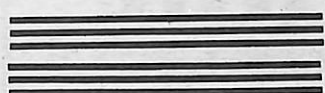
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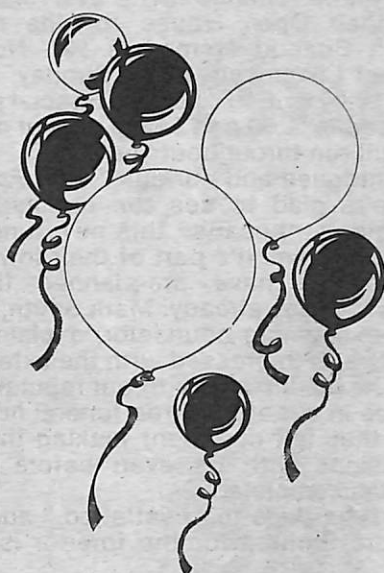
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Many people are not happy with their lives in at least one area ... be it health ... or career ... or relationship ... or spiritually - and they don't know how to change. Even though many believe that it is something "outside of themselves" that is making them unhappy, the real problem is their **personal belief system** ... people have been programmed to believe things that are not true.

People who accomplish great things in life usually do so because when they look around, they see opportunities to bring their dreams into reality. Thus, **if people can change their beliefs, they can change their world!**

## THE TEN CORE BELIEFS

I've learned that there are 10 beliefs that are unique to all peak-performing individuals. Take a moment right now and imagine what your world would be like if you made these beliefs part of your life today.

1. Winners are not born ... they are made.
2. The dominant force in your existence is the way that you think.
3. You can create your own reality.
4. There is some benefit to be had from every adversity.
5. Each one of your beliefs is a choice.
6. You are never defeated until you accept defeat as a reality and stop trying.
7. The only real limitations on what you can accomplish are those that you impose on yourself.
8. You already possess the ability to excel in at least one area of your life.
9. There can be no great success without great commitment.
10. You need the support and cooperation of other people to achieve any worthwhile goal.

## HOW TO CHANGE YOUR BELIEF SYSTEM

Negativity is the major stumbling block when it comes to change ... each of us has the choice to think and act either with a positive or negative attitude. If you choose the negative, it's because you've been conditioned to think that way ... it's simply a bad habit. **You must change your thinking** to win over your current reflex.

**Reassess all your long-standing beliefs** ... especially those about yourself. Often you will find that the basis for a belief doesn't stand up under scrutiny.

**Monitor your self-talk for one full day** ... write down everything you tell yourself about that day's events ... you'll be amazed at the extent you have been conditioned to see things in a negative (and unproductive) way! **You must make your self-talk all positive.**

**Make a list of all your assets and liabilities** ... Am I healthy? ... do I earn a reasonable income? ... do I have valuable skills? ... Realize that you have many assets that you take for granted every day ... your eyes, your ears, your hands, your feet, a brain, and more. If you look at everything objectively, there is absolutely no way that your liability list would be longer than your asset list.

## REPROGRAM YOURSELF

The only way to reprogram your mind for success is to change what has been entered in your memory files. Take the time to find a nice, quiet place and repeat to yourself the specific change you want to make in your life. Next, imagine yourself living this change ... and having it become a normal part of your life.

An important factor in success are **challenging goals**. A goal that you are firmly committed to embeds itself into your subconscious, forcing you to stay on course until you reach your target.

**Look at the areas of your life that you want to improve** ... and then write down your specific goals.

**Refer back to your list every day** to set your priorities.

**Write a daily to do list** of all activities that will further your goals.

**Always remember that it's your choice on how you elect to live your life.**

## NAMES &amp; NOTES

**When you have a credit card that you no longer want** ... don't just throw it away ... your credit file will show that you have an open line of credit ... even if you never use it. You should send a letter to the issuer stating that you no longer want to use the card, and to close the account. You may want to go as far as to check back in 30 days to ensure that the account was closed.

SEE RAY ROSE - Page 39...

## Forastiere Plans Open House At New Site

"People keep asking me, 'What's behind that corner window?'" said Elayne Forastiere Smith, co-manager and funeral director of the new Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home in East Longmeadow.

"And a lot of people have approached me, asking, 'What in the world is that big chimney for?'" added co-owner and funeral director Frank Forastiere.

"How many visitations can you hold at the same time?" is asked often too," contributed Peter Forastiere, co-owner and funeral director.

**Well, now is everyone's chance to find out!!**

After watching the skill of the masons as they intricately and artfully pieced the flagstones on the face of the building like a huge puzzle, it's time to have a look inside.

The wallpaper is up ... the hammers have been put to rest ... and the electricians have all gone home. The building is complete and the Forastiere and Smith families invite everyone to join them at their Open House for the new Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home on 220 North Main Street, East Longmeadow, on Sunday, October 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Special programs are planned for 1:00 and 2:00 p.m., but continuous tours will run throughout the day.

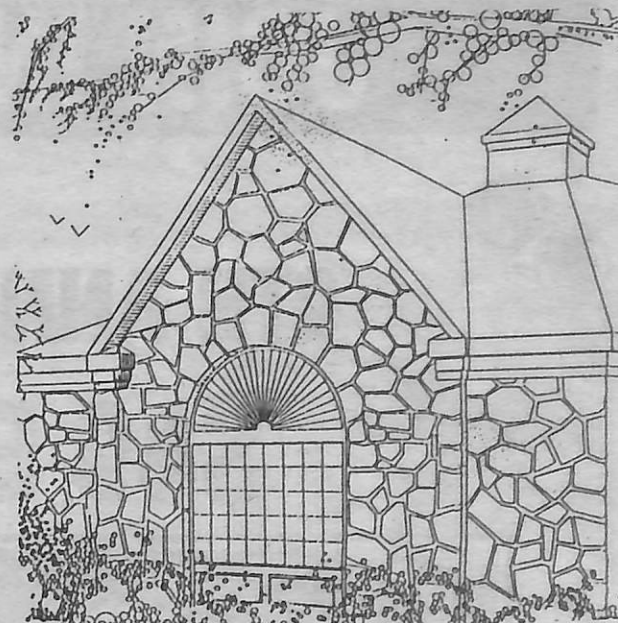
"People are intrigued and curious," said Frank Forastiere. "We're glad to see the community take such an interest, because this new funeral home was built for them. It's part of their town."

Dozens of people have pre-planned their funerals for this location already. Mark Smith, co-manager and pre-planning counselor, explained, "I guess they were so impressed with the exterior appearance of the facility and with our reputation of quality service in our other three funeral home locations, that they felt confident making these important decisions with us even before the funeral home was completed."

"I know they'll be more than satisfied," added Elayne Forastiere Smith, "for the interior is incredible, too."

One of the great advantages of attending the Open House is that people can have the opportunity to objectively tour the facilities and meet the staff before a need arises. "People are usually emotionally wrought with grief and extremely distracted when they have a need to visit a funeral home—and rightfully so, since we are here to help them through a difficult time," expressed grief counselor Lila Forastiere. "But the celebration of an opening allows for a more festive atmosphere in which everyone is on neutral ground to observe details, ask questions and get helpful information."

"We anticipate that many people will take advantage of this opportunity to inspect and evaluate the facility and staff, and set up appointments to pre-plan," said Mark Smith.



A LINE DRAWING of the new Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home in East Longmeadow.

"But a lot of folks may come just to 'check it out'," added Elayne Forastiere Smith. "Everyone's got a little *Curious George* hiding inside of them!"

The funeral home was completed in less than six months—start to finish. "I'd get a kick out of it," stated Frank Forastiere. "Friends would call at night to tell me that they drove by the site at 8:00 p.m., and lights were left on. Little did they know that the work crews were still there! Everyone really pulled together to get the job done. I'm proud to say that the building has surpassed our expectations."

The Forastiere's hope that some parents will use the Open House as a non-threatening way to introduce the funeral home to children. "First times" are always a little intimidating for children," explained Lila Forastiere. "But at the Open House, they can become comfortable with the idea of visiting a funeral home before the actual death of a loved one occurs."

Because so many parents wonder whether or not to include their children in funeral services, Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home will also include a Children's Room. This is a private room where children may gather during services, if they wish, yet still share this important experience with their families.

There are several other intriguing and unique features incorporated into the design of the Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home that make it different from any funeral home in the area. There have been rumors of a formal chapel ... a grief support center ... and a cremation products selection room. But everyone will have to stop by during the Open House to see it for themselves!!

The Forastiere family also owns and operates Colonial Funeral Home in Agawam, Forastiere Funeral Home in Springfield, and Southwick Funeral Home in Southwick.

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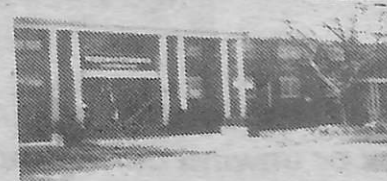
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**Don't forget ...** we are changing our clocks next weekend.

**HOW TO SAVE TIME ...** is going to be the subject of my article next week ... be sure to watch for it!

**I will again be speaking in Downtown Westfield. This seminar will be for first-time home buyers. I will show them how to STOP RENTING AND START OWNING NOW ... WITH LITTLE OR NO MONEY DOWN ... AND HOW TO HAVE A MORTGAGE PAYMENT LOWER THAN THEIR RENTAL PAYMENT. Tell everyone you know that rents an apartment (or house) to call for reservations at 568-2491. This seminar is FREE to the public, and reservations are suggested. Usually there's a packed house, so I would make a quick call.**

**P.S. ...** I'll be giving the same seminar at the Kent Memorial Library in Suffield on Saturday, October 29th. Call my office at 1-800-331-0880 for more info or with any questions ... **THANKS!**

## Medical Update Series Again Being Presented At Fitness First

Fitness First Health & Racquet Club will be holding its second "Special Community Medical Update Series" on Thursday, October 27th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the club, located at 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The topic of this program will be "Options for Shoulder and Arm Injuries."

The program is free if you reserve your seating by Wednesday, October 26th. Free refreshments will be served.

The program is being sponsored, along with Fitness First, by NovaCare Outpatient Rehabilitation and Hampden County Chiropractic.

Facilitators for the program will be Pete Krasner, an athlete trainer; Dr. Tami Nelson, chiropractor; and Jim Vernadakis, a physical therapy assistant.

Shoulder and arm injuries are common among the general public as well as workers and athletes. Overuse Syndromes, rotator cuff, tennis elbow, frozen shoulder, tendonitis, bursitis, and arthritis are a few of the most common injuries to be discussed.

Athletes, coaches, and those with jobs that may cause these injuries are welcome to attend this free information seminar. This will be a rare opportunity for members of the community to openly and directly discuss issues and approaches with the best health care professionals.

The first Special Medical Update received high praise from all in attendance. Seating is limited for Part II. To reserve your seat, please call Fitness First at 786-1460.

### ADVERTISER NEWS

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## Westbank Corporation Common Stock Began Trading On NASDAQ As Of October 12th

The common stock of Westbank Corporation began trading October 12th in the Nasdaq National Market, Donald R. Chase, President and Chief Executive Officer, announced.

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Mr. Chase noted that Westbank Corporation's entry into the Nasdaq National Market provides brokers and others with immediate access to the best bid and ask prices and other information about the company's shares throughout the trading day.

Those prices are available in more than 200,000 electronic terminals in broker's offices throughout the United States and the world. Trading data is also distributed widely through wire services for selective dissemination by newspapers and radio and television stations.

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## Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

### Losing The Last 10 Pounds

For many of us, our self-esteem goes up and down with the numbers on the scale. We lose a pound and we're happy. We gain a pound and we're depressed (and sometimes eat because of it!). This predicament is especially common when we have only "the last 10 pounds" to lose.

It's hard to lose the last 10 pounds for several reasons. First, we are close to our goal, so we may drop our guard and treat ourselves a bit more often. That may not cause weight gain, but it can slow weight loss. Second, if you've lost weight, you are lighter and need fewer calories, so you may have to be MORE strict about your exercise and eating plan than before.

Remember, it takes fewer calories to move a

new, thinner you from point A to point B than it took when you were heavier. To reach your goal, you have to exercise a little more and/or eat even fewer calories.

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If you've lost muscle mass when you lost weight, you've slowed down your metabolism. To boost your metabolism, you need to build up calorie-burning muscle tissue. Aerobics alone can't do it; you'll need to add in weight training. To add weights safely, I suggest you consult a certified personal trainer.

Adding weight training can help drop the extra 10 pounds of fat, but it may not show up when you step on the scale. You may gain muscle weight while you lose the fat weight, and the scale won't change.

For example, I know a woman who dropped from a size 12 to a size 10, but she gained two pounds. I also know of people who have lost five pounds without dropping a clothing size.

The bottom line is this: To lose the last 10 pounds, stick to your aerobics, weight training routine and eating plan more than ever. And, don't let the scale measure your success.

Success will be determined by a change in your percent body fat or by an improvement in how you feel.

**Nancy Dell, RD, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills, MA. For more information on this topic, you can call Nancy for an appointment at 413-786-2957.**

## Better Breather Support Group Slates Next Meeting For October 26th

On Wednesday, October 26th, the Better Breather Support Group for people with C.O.P.D. (asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema) will meet at Mercy Hospital, Medical Staff Room, Joseph Deliso Conference Center, 271 Carew St., from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The topic for this month's meeting will be diet

and lung disease.

These meetings are free of charge and open to anyone who is affected by lung disease, including their families and friends.

For more information, call the American Lung Association, 737-3506, or Mercy Hospital Respiratory Department, 748-9610.

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## Agawam Health Dept. Slates Influenza Clinics

The Agawam Health Department has scheduled an influenza clinic at the Senior Center on Wright Street for Wednesday, November 9, 1994, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Influenza vaccine will be administered free of charge to persons 65 years of age and over or if you have chronic conditions such as: heart disease, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, chronic kidney disease, or diabetes.

There will also be a clinic at Pheasant Hill Village, Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, on Tuesday, November 15, 1994, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and at Danahy Schoolhouse on Maple Street on Tuesday, November 22, 1994, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

## Head Injury Support At Weldon Center

The monthly meeting of the Head Injury Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital, will be conducted October 26th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital.

Head injury patients, their families, and friends are invited to this community service meeting, which will include an open discussion to share interests and concerns. Refreshments will be served.

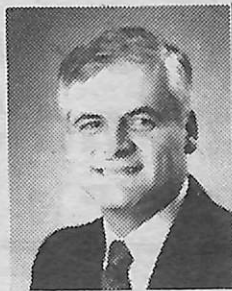
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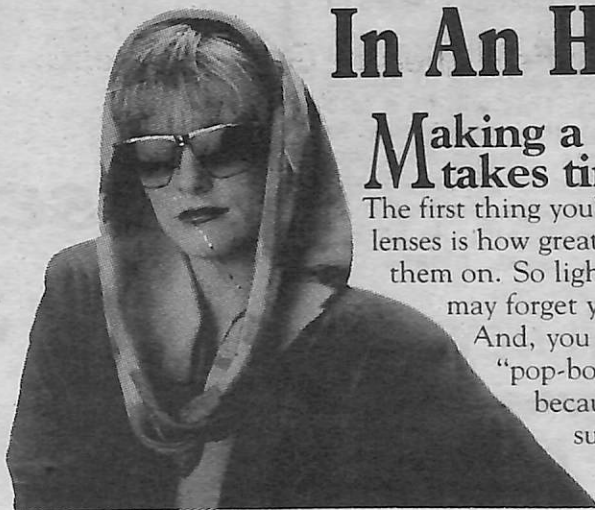


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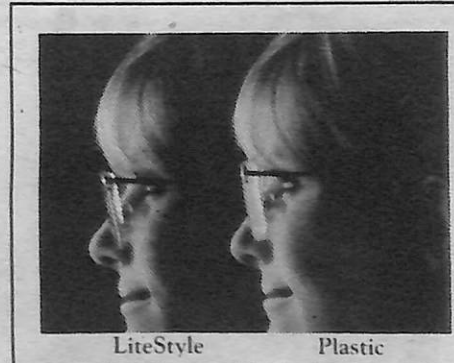
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## Arts

## This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Piesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

## —The River Wild

It was the best of times—and the worst...

*The River Wild* opened in September to mixed reviews, but not from this writer, who spent most of the film paddling and pulling along with the cast as they rode some of the wildest Class 5 water in the country.

Terrific acting, great scenery, and stunning cinematography all put this film over the top and compensate for a decent screenplay based on an improbable escape.

Meryl Streep flexed her middle-aged muscles in a daring performance, doing much of her own paddling on this wild river ride.

She's the 40-something wife of a man married to his job. She returns to her roots with her 10 year-old son and plans to run the river upon which she used to run whitewater tours. Just as she's about to hit the rapids, she meets up with the bad guys - what's a film without bad guys? - in the form of Kevin Bacon (a very evil performance) and his partner, who have just staged a major heist near the Canadian border. Into the melee comes dear old dad, hoping to salvage and appease his family by going on this ride after all.

Mom is the expert navigator; the son can be used to control her. But dear old dad is expendable, and he doesn't come into his own as a performer or a character until the plot forces him to come to the rescue.

While the story rolls high and wide, the river just rolls ... over rocks and through narrow channels that will curl your toes.

Having survived several rigorous, bone-chilling, springtime whitewater treks in icy, swollen rivers (and a rafting run that seemed tame in comparison to the river rides), I watched in rapt attention; pulling, paddling, and swaying with every curt command, probably driving fellow viewers wild in the process.

For those who crave adventure—albeit vicariously—*The River Wild* is the wildest adventure of them all. Don't miss it.

(P.S. - My mom found the film beautiful and relaxing; she's going out on the next ride with me.)

## —The Shawshank Redemption

*The Shawshank Redemption* has quiet, solid banker Andy Dufresne (Tim Robbins) tried and found guilty for a murder he didn't commit. He's sent to Shawshank, a hardcore prison that makes or breaks its inmates.

Though he initially seems a milktoast, Andy finds an inner strength that sustains him through physical and sexual assault, isolation, and leads him into a tenuous bond with fellow prisoner Red, the prison fixer who can get contraband with the snap of his fingers.

Andy turns into a quiet survivor, making a name for himself by hounding the prison board to provide for an expanded library for the inmates and putting his banking and financial expertise to work (saving the guards and prison administrators a bundle on taxes and investments).

His quiet determination turns into a hopeful survival, and a perpetual yearning to be redeemed.

His only real link to humanity comes through his friendship with Red, played with sensitivity and style by Morgan Freeman.

*The Shawshank Redemption* is a graphic, sometimes rough and brutal film that evolved into a glorious testament to the human spirit. It has Oscar-caliber performances and shouldn't be missed.

## —Ed Wood

Everybody seems to love Ed Wood but me.

Who's Ed Wood, you say? He's the man behind some of the worst movies in motion picture history: *Glen or Glenda* and *Plan Nine From Outer Space* ... stuff so bad it's almost good. Almost!

Tim Burton cast Johnny Depp as the perennial optimist and aspiring filmmaker, tracing his career from inception to end and recreating in glorious black-and-white the relationship between Wood and his aging, drug-addicted megastar, Bela Lugosi.

The film plods through scene after simpering scene with a cross-dressing Wood and his cast of miscast outcasts, with only Martin Landau as the aged Lugosi giving a bit of inspiration to us all. Graphic drug use, deviant sexual practices, and plenty of vulgarities lace the screenplay.

It was a good try that went bad.

## —Exit to Eden

"Exit" is the operative word in *Exit to Eden*. Better still, do not enter.

This screenplay throws Rosie O'Donnell and Dan Ackroyd into a world of sexual deviants who migrate to an island to explore their most intimate fantasies of the domination/submission kind.

Picture the poor, oppressed young man who gets his kicks from getting spanked, falling for a dominatrix while killers are hot on his trail, hoping to nab the photos he inadvertently took of a theft in progress.

Lots of nudity, lots of sexual innuendo, and lots of overplayed domination games.

Crude references to biology, sexuality, and one of the dumbest screenplays ever written won't get any of these performers further in their careers. It's not sexy; it's not funny. It's a bad way to spend \$7 of your hard-earned money.



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ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

## Unsung Heroes

Somehow, previously lost among the exposure of such films as *Superman The Movie* and *Batman*, a batch of "unsung" heroes on video has enjoyed a resurrection. Finally, what I've suspected all along has proven to be true: there is a vast and large population of superhero fans who equally enjoy the live-action heroes in film.

Below are some videos that have been forgotten about in the wake of the aforementioned film titles or simply may have been unheard of by you. These are Hollywood's "unsung" heroes!

### \* *The Amazing Spider-Man*

Director: E.W. Swackhamer. 1977. Not rated. 1 hour and 33 minutes. Starring: Nicholas Hammond, David White, Michael Pataki, Hilly Hicks, and Lisa Eilbacher.

The famous comic book wall-crawler comes to live action in this forgotten telefilm. Nicholas Hammond plays the title character and delivers a quite impressive performance.

The film's plot centers around the birth of Spider-Man, which involved college student Peter Parker getting bit by an experimental radioactive spider. What follows is the very hero-formulated subplot of dedicating their super-powered lives to truth, justice, and ... well, you know how it goes!

Of course, included is the usual first adventure. As formulaic as these "hero films" seem to be, they all somehow achieve their own distinct individuality. *The Amazing Spider-Man* is no exception.

Don't expect a modernized, blood-seeking vigilante; this is perfectly suitable for the kids (as is the case with all the hero movies discussed in this week's column).

So, in closing, parents don't need to "climb the walls" with nervousness, worrying if the kids will see extreme violence. Don't worry, mom and dad—this spider doesn't bite. **3 STARS.** (All ages.)

### \* *Captain America*

Director: Rod Holcomb. 1979. Not rated. 1 hour and 30 minutes. Starring: Reb Brown, Len Birman, Heather Menzies, and Steve Forrest.

The star-spangled avenger was brought to life in this television film from the late 70's. Reb Brown plays the title hero, who finds himself trying to stop a dangerous extortionist.

Aside from a very weak plot, this film is worth renting for the visuals. Some convincing action sequences are present, saving this adaptation from disaster.

As with many of the films from the television genre, *Captain America* lacks luster. You'll be un-nervingly anxious to see the star leap into powerful action, but unfortunately, this anticipated sequence never really arrives.

Of course, the good guy always wins, but that's no surprise; it's just that the ride there is usually more fun. **1 STAR.** (All ages.)

### \* *The Flash*

Director: Robert Iscove. 1990. Not rated. 1 hour and 34 minutes. Starring: John Wesley Shipp, Amanda Pays, Michael Nader, and Tim Thomerson.

*The Flash* is a more recent comic book adaptation that features stunning special effects, a detailed script, and believable acting. John Wesley Shipp, a former soap star, plays the Flash with sincerity and believability.

This film served as the CBS pilot film for the subsequent series that was eventually cancelled because of the high cost of production. Also available on video are a couple of episodes that have been edited into a videotape sequel to the pilot film.

This sequel features *Star Wars* veteran Mark Hamill as the Flash's remesis, the Trickster, in *The Flash II - Revenge of The Trickster*. *Batman* composer Danny Elfman conducts the powerful soundtrack, adding further appeal to this thoroughly enjoyable film.

Of the myriad of comic book hero transitions to film, *The Flash* is undeniably of the best. Adults will enjoy a non-juvenile story, and the kids will enjoy watching another timeless hero without extreme violence.

So, take a subsonic run down to the video store and rent this film; you'll be glad you did. **4 STARS.** (All ages.)

## Community Theatre Review... On Golden Pond Gets Golden Review For Agawam Repertory

by Christine Plesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

Agawam Repertory Theater delivered golden performances in its season opener, Ernest Thompson's *On Golden Pond*, staged at the company's new location at Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street.

Jud Pooler played the irascible, aging Norman Thayer, a crusty octogenarian reluctantly acknowledging new found physical limitations and loss of memory.

His wife, Ethel (Jean Deresienski), works around his lapses as she comes to realize that this may be the last summer they spend together in the haven of Golden Pond, which has been intertwined with their entire married life.

Into their somewhat sedate and tranquil life bounces their daughter, Chelsea (Mindy DeTora), who's heading off to Europe with a new love and who hopes to leave his adolescent son with Norman and Ethel for the summer (and it's been a long time since they've had a teenager in their household; it may or may not be a match made in heaven). And since Norman and Chelsea have always been at odds, they too must dance around old history as they make their way to a new stage in their relationship ... before it's too late.

Poole is no less than perfect as the feisty, befuddled, and all-too-familiar Norman, playing the role with many of the shadings of Henry Fonda of the film version. He captures with a tilt of his head, a confused look, and a quick, crochety one-liner the image of an aging man coping with increasing frailty that is as much mental as physical; he knows it is happening and can do nothing to halt time.

Deresienski matches his performance as the slightly younger but equally aging wife who is all too aware that the man she has loved all her life is leaving her.

As young Billy Ray, Luke Kozikowski brings raw energy and plenty of talent to the production, matching the veteran players line for line, scene for scene. In a supporting role, ART newcomer Stephen Mangine as postman Charlie Martin brings his infectious laughter into play, keeping the audience in stitches as he all but upstages the rest of the cast in his too-brief appearances on stage.

Credits must also be given to the supporting players, the crews, the off-stage loons, and the screen door that keeps falling from its hinges—the pieces were a perfect fit.

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# Poet/Writer Maya Angelou To Appear At Springfield Public Forum On Oct. 26th

She was appointed by President Gerald Ford to the Bicentennial Commission, and by President Jimmy Carter to the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year.

In the film industry, Maya Angelou was the writer of the first original screenplay to be produced by a black woman, *Georgia, Georgia*. She has also done numerous musical scores and was the writer/producer for the 20th Century Fox TV version of her film *Sister, Sister*.

In television, Ms. Angelou has made hundreds of appearances and was the subject of an hour-long interview with Bill Moyers on a PBS special. Her autobiography *Account of her youth, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, was a two-hour TV special for CBS in 1979. The five-part mini-series *Three Way Choice* on CBS was written and produced by her, as was *Afro-Americans in the Arts*, a PBS special for which she received the Golden Eagle Award.

Ms. Angelou collaborated and performed with Godfrey Cambridge in the revue *Cabaret for Freedom* as well as in Jean Genet's play *The Blacks*, which won an Obie Award.

Other productions include her adaptation of *Sophocles' Ajax* for the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles; her musical, *And Still I Rise*; her documentary for the BBC, *Trying to Make it Home*; and her 1988 production, *Moon on a Rainbow Shawl*, which opened in London.

Her recording of her poem written for the 1992 inauguration of President Clinton won a Grammy award, the most recent of awards and honors in many fields.

In 1982, Maya Angelou was appointed to a lifetime position as the first Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University in North Carolina, the state that in 1987 honored her with its highest award, the North Carolina Award in Literature.

The acclaimed poet/writer Maya Angelou will appear at Symphony Hall on Wednesday, October 26th, in a presentation entitled "An Evening with Maya Angelou."

In response to public request, this and all 1994 forums will start at 7:30 p.m. rather than the traditional 8:00 p.m. hour. Ample parking will be available in the I-91 South Garage.

The event is open to all free of charge and is made possible through the joint co-sponsorship of the Springfield Public Forum and Tambrands, Inc. Edward T. Fogarty, CEO and President of Tambrands, Inc., will serve as Chairman.

Maya Angelou is hailed as one of the great voices of contemporary literature and as a remarkable Renaissance woman who has made her mark as poet, educator, historian, best-selling author, actress, playwright, composer, civil-rights activist, producer, and director.

Born in St. Louis, Ms. Angelou spent her early childhood in Stamps, Arkansas. Her family then moved to San Francisco. Determined to carve out a stage career, she studied drama and dance. In 1952, she received a scholarship to study dance with Pearl Primus in New York and subsequently joined the 22-country European tour of "Porgy and Bess."

In this politically active period, Ms. Angelou met and married a South African freedom fighter and went to live in Cairo and then Ghana. In both countries, she continued her writing and became the first woman editor of the *Arab Observer* (Cairo), the only English-language news weekly in the Middle East. In Ghana, she was the feature editor of the *African Review* (Accra) as well as a teacher and assistant administrator of the School of Music and Drama at the University of Ghana.

In the sixties, at the request of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., she became the northern coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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Two area companies will join forces to co-sponsor the Springfield Symphony's pops opening night performance. Elliot Aronson, President of the Springfield Symphony Board, John Dubosh of Balise Lexus, and Barry London of Filene's recently met at Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield to put the final touches on "All That Jazz," which will take place on Saturday, October 29th, starting at 8:00 p.m.

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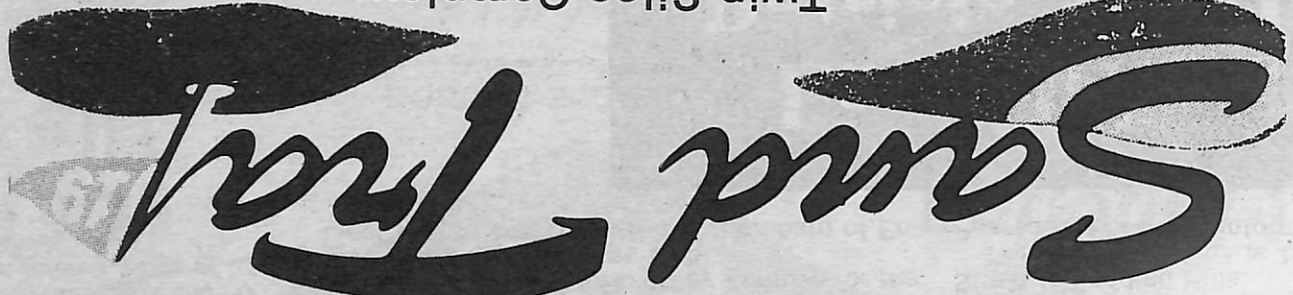
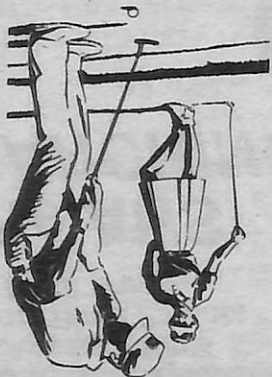
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# It Is Autumn In October, My Heart Sighs...

by Anthony R. Brozini

It is autumn in October, my heart sighs; the apples sweetened by cold wet nights are ready for harvest, where orange pumpkin as bright as any star, light up their fields as well as my heart.

The dark blue grapes that frost will kiss to make them sweet for human lips, hang everywhere in odd, wild, and cultured fields, and bees dance madly throughout the clusters, driven by the drumming sound of the wind.

It is autumn in October, my heart sighs; where acorns falling, -tap, -tap, a noisy reveille that stirs the creatures of trees and fields to attention, and signals them, as well as me, to the coming of winter; but for now, they and I, will feast upon the workmanship as the Great Artist paints green leaves yellow, orange, red, and rusty brown, so effortlessly it must humble the highest mind and dwarf the delicate beauty of wild flowers that still soothes the nerve behind the eye, -and cannot be overlooked.

It is autumn in October, my heart sighs; the clamor of chirping birds is less frequent now, for food is plentiful and most will dine well before their journey South. But, I will stay; for the winter holds no dread but a rather quiet beauty of cold, ice, and snow and I, with a warm cup of tea will sit, mesmerized by it all. Where the air, cold and brisk, brings to mind those simple pleasures of good books and warm beds. Yes, I do look forward to that time of year, but now, I watch all the lives of wild things that scurry about in haste, struggling to prepare shelter in my sheds and under things and in holes in trees, and, although my heart goes out to them, I cannot share my place with them, lest I go mad.

Yes, it is autumn in October, my heart sighs; when fresh cider, chilled, is tasted and butternut squash, baking with brown sugar sprinkles, fills the air with the smell of home, where a table centerpiece is made up of orange and green gourds with bumps that look like warts that brings to mind the witches, goblins, turkeys, and very late corn, whose stalks bundled together look like a settlement in an open field, and I am sure that some things live there, where the gardens that flourished this past summer, as in summers past, take on that yellow color of its best day gone by, and I will envision this day to the time when my day has come and the garden of my mind will wear that yellow tinge and my heart will be covered up by the colored leaves of ...  
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## Hilltop Players Of Feeding Hills Producing The Sound Of Music Beginning Oct. 21st

Steven Sands of Agawam sings of the joys of "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" to Betsy Ingraham of Enfield in The Hilltop Players' production of *The Sound of Music* at The Red Door Theatre.

Sands, who attends Agawam High School, has been active in many area community theatres, including the Westfield Theatre Group and the St. Martha Players (where he played Harvey in *Bye Bye Birdie*).

He has performed with his school show choir and drama group and has done local commercials for Abdo's and Goodtime Charlie's. In *The Sound of Music*, Sands will play the part of Rolf, a young idealist in the Nazi Youth Movement, who is torn in his allegiance to the Reich by his love for the eldest Von Trapp daughter, Liesl.

Liesl will be played by Betsy Ingraham of En-

field, who was last seen as Charlotte in The Hilltop Players' spring production of *Oliver*.

An avid dancer, singer, and actress, she has been active with the Berkshire Ballet's *Nutcracker* & performed with the JFK drama group and the East Hartford Summer Youth Festival. She has also been a participant in STAGE Summer Theatre, where she played Queen Elizabeth in *All The World's A Stage*.

Both of these talented young people can be seen in *The Sound of Music* on October 21st, 22nd, 28th, and 29th at 7:30 p.m., and on October 23rd at 2:00 p.m. All performances will take place at The Red Door Theatre, located at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

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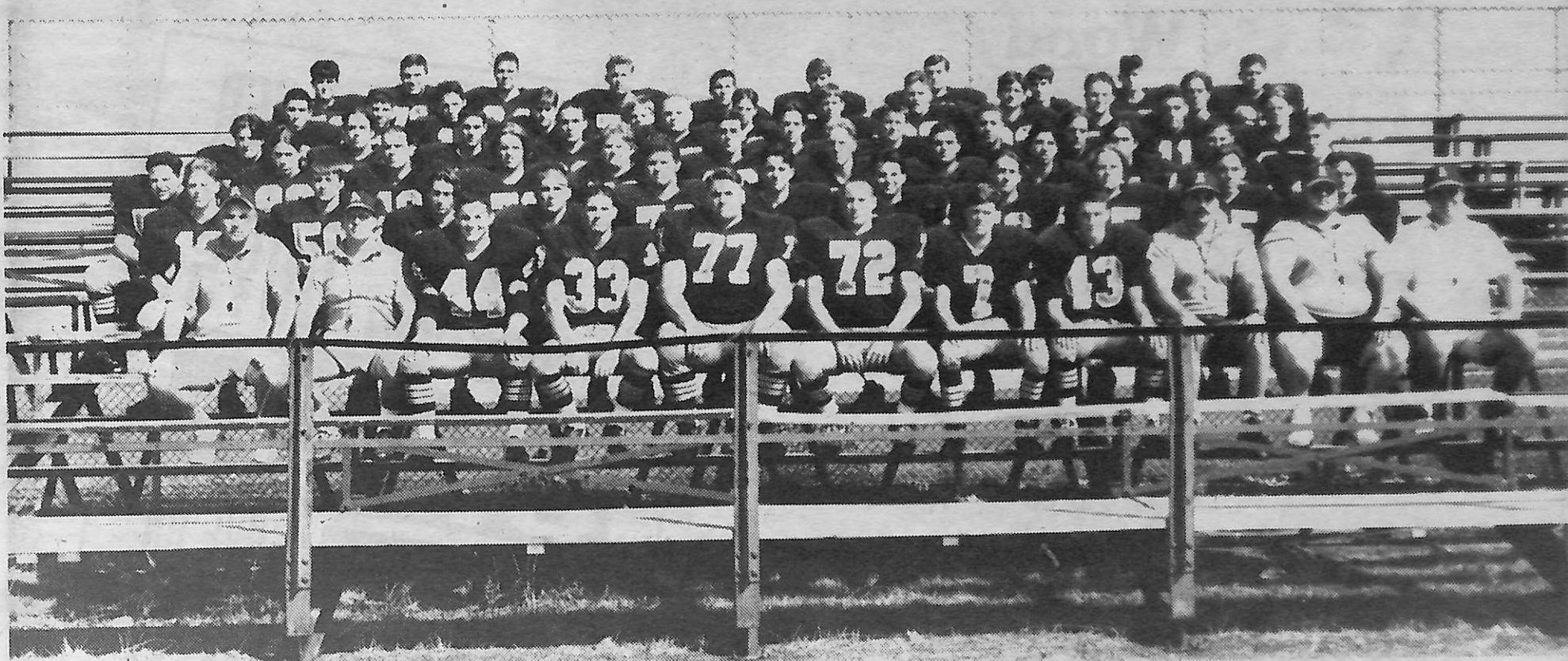
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# Sports



MEMBERS OF THE 1994 Agawam High School football team with Head Coach Dean Vecchiarelli and staff. Photo courtesy of David Pulaski.

## Votzakis Runs Wild Over Westfield; The BIG ONE Vs. Central On Friday

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

As Agawam football Coach Dean Vecchiarelli knows, it doesn't get any easier. After he watched his team's exciting 28-21 win over big, tough Westfield last Friday night, he was immediately thinking ahead to an even bigger and tougher opponent this Friday night—the Golden Eagles of Central High School, the defending Western Mass Super Bowl champions.

If anything will help to ease the coach's mind, however, it would be three things the Brownies brought out of that Westfield game. First, there was the running of tailback Jason Votzakis. The super senior scored on runs of 54, 59, and two yards. He even threw in a little jaunt for a two-point conversion. In all, he gained 276 yards in one of the finest performances of his career. After the tailback's frustrating evening the week before against South Hadley, it's obvious to Vecchiarelli that Jason is back on the fast track.

Then there is the Brownie defense. They had the dubious job of shutting down a fine running back in his own right, the Bombers' Greg Bevilacqua. They knew Greg would be pumped up for his marquee matchup with Votzakis. Bevilacqua did have three touchdowns and 159 yards. But as Vecchiarelli noted, his 'd' "bent a little, but didn't break."

Witness the fact that two Bomber threats to tie

the game in the final minutes were squelched by pickoffs, courtesy of senior Brian Bodman and junior "defensive specialist" Jeff Harlin. Harlin, always a ball hawk, also streaked for the game's first score on a 55-yard fumble return.

One other aspect of the game that had to please Vecchiarelli was sophomore quarterback Matt Lauro. The coach had a tough decision replacing struggling senior signal-caller and squad captain Dave Curley with Lauro. The 5'11", 190-pound kid didn't disappoint, running the team with poise and confidence.

Vecchiarelli will need this trio against Central. The Golden Eagles are 4-1 and like 3-2 Agawam, 2-0 in the tough Double A Conference. Last week, Central beat Holyoke 10-8. Agawam defeated the Purple Knights earlier in the season, 7-0.

One of the many things Central will have going for them is the fact that they are the defending Division One Super Bowl champs. According to their coach, Dan McLaughlin, "They'll stay that way until someone knocks us off."

### Some Talented And Big People To Deal With

The Brownies will have some talented and big people to deal with. First will be junior running back, 5'9" 175-pound Keshawn Dodds, who's been described as a slashing-type runner with excellent speed. Dodds is also a fine defensive back. Quarterback Joel Senez, a 5'11" junior with

a strong arm, is streaky. But when he's on, he can give defenses fits. He has plenty of experience, too, having been with the varsity since he was a freshman.

Then there's the size factor. Central has plenty of that. Offensive guard Tony Palazzi is 6', 257 pounds. He's also an all-league punter. Other linemen to consider: senior Mike Zabik is 6'3", 250 pounds, and junior Chris Reed is 6'2", 235 pounds. One other note; junior wide receiver Mike Brisbois is also a capable field goal kicker for the Golden Eagles. If the game is tight and they need some points at the end, well...

Now for the "ifs," and you know what they say: "If ifs and buts were candy and nuts, it would be a great Christmas."

If the Agawam offensive line plays like it did against Westfield and the defense keeps them in the game, the Brownies have a decent chance. If young Lauro shows the poise he did against the Bombers, the Brownies have a decent chance. And remember, this is a home game for Agawam (7:00 p.m. at Harmon A. Smith Field). If the hometown faithful really get into it, once again the Brownies have a decent chance.

This is a big game for both teams, especially in the conference. If everything I've previously mentioned comes to pass, make it Agawam over Central 12-10.

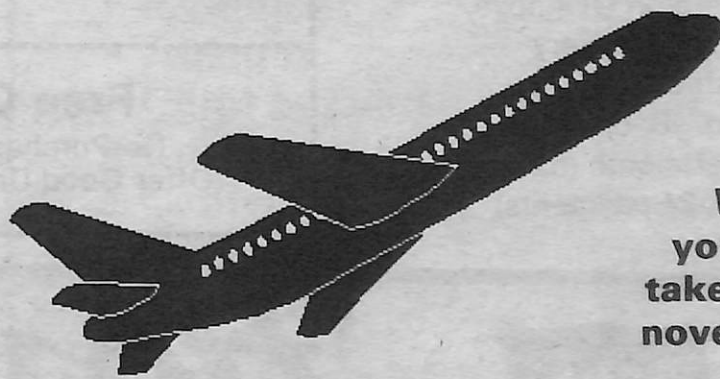
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MEMBERS OF THE 1994 Agawam High School girls' varsity soccer team and their coach, Bill O'Brien. Advertiser News photo by David Pulaski.

## JV/Freshman Sports Roundup

by Brian Colby  
Advertiser News Correspondent

### JV FOOTBALL

This week the junior football team improved their record to 3-2 as it defeated Westfield in a 14-6 victory at Harmon A. Smith Field.

On the opening play of the game, quarterback Tom Bobrowsky hit Phil McGeoghan on an 40-yard touchdown pass for the first score. Westfield would counter with a touchdown, but cornerback Tommy Gage would make a great tackle to keep Westfield from converting on the two points. Agawam's final score came late on a fumble recovery in the end zone by lineman Chris Day.

Offensively, Jeff Blews and Kevin Perrault both had good days on the ground, and defensively, Phil McGeoghan and Tommy Gage each had key interceptions.

### JV BOYS' SOCCER

The boys' junior varsity soccer team continues to make heads turn with their 8-2-1 record. This past week they defeated Central (3-1), Westfield (3-2), and West Side (1-0).

Offensively for Agawam, Steve Rovithis has been strong, scoring the only goal against West Springfield. Also, Todd Jorgenson and Jaimie Pliska have been playing well.

Defensively, key player Jay Patrick is hurt, so Keith Daubmann is picking up the slack at sweeper. Also, Todd Godfrey, Jay Malone, and Brian O'Quinn are playing good "D."

### JV GIRLS' SOCCER

The girls' junior varsity soccer continues its demolition of opponents by defeating Chicopee Comp (6-1) and tying Holyoke (2-2) and West Side (1-1) this past week. Their record now stands at 11-1-2.

The offensive front consisting of Stephanie Biza, Kristen Tierney, Nicole Boyer, and Erin Deforier shows no signs of showing mercy on opposing teams.

Meanwhile, the defense—with Jill DeMarco, Sarah Cote, Kara McDade, Jen Chagnon, and others—continues to be difficult to score upon.

Upcoming games for the team include Cathedral, Longmeadow, and Ludlow.

### JV FIELD HOCKEY

The junior varsity field hockey team has been quiet this past week, as its only game was against Longmeadow and that ended in a 0-0 tie.

The defense has played well with the help of such talented goalies as Wendy Clouse and Andrea Nolan. Also, Diane Parslow has been strong on the defensive front.

The team does have a busy upcoming week with four games, including a showdown with West Side.

### FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

The freshmen football team took on the Westfield Bombers this past week. Unfortunately, it wasn't a pretty sight as the Agawam team was defeated 36-0. Their overall record now stands at 2-1-1.

Four turnovers and big plays by Westfield killed the Agawam kids. They hope to play better this week against Central.

### FRESHMEN BOYS' SOCCER

The frosh boys had a tough time last week, as they lost to Central (3-0) and J.F.K. (4-3). But, they did manage to tie a really good team in Westfield (1-1). They now stand at 2-8-1 overall.

Some bright spots are Rich Poggi at goalie; Jeff Lyman playing good defense; and Dan Cizek on the defense.

### FRESHMEN GIRLS' SOCCER

On a more positive note for the freshmen group, the girls' soccer team defeated Holyoke (3-0) and tied West Side (1-1). Their very impressive overall record now stands at 12-2-2.

Offensively, it's been more of the same; Jessica Roy, Julie LaFlamme, Jen Buendo, and Linda Roy have continued with their excellent efforts.

On the defensive side, Jen Quigley, Cheryl Lanier, and Kelly Robinson have done very well.

"The No Goal Patrol" has continued to turn opposing offenses away," says coach Lynda Kunasek.

## Agawam Soccer Assoc. STANDINGS (As Of October 16th)

GIRLS UNDER 10	W	L	T	P
Francis' Lady Bugs	8	1	0	16
Prisbey's Blue Bullets	6	1	2	14
Adams' Blue Jays	4	4	1	9
Kelley's Golden Girls	4	5	0	8
Keenan's Red Devils	1	6	2	5
Ruhl's Green Goblins	0	6	3	3

COED UNDER 17	W	L	T	P
Brinn's Green	4	2	0	8
Heneghan's Royal Blue	3	1	2	8
Roy's Gold	1	3	2	4
Shaw's Smashers	1	3	2	4

GIRLS UNDER 12	W	L	T	P
Davilli's Maroon Machine	7	1	0	14
Obue's Yellow Jackets	4	2	1	9
Spear's Green Lightning	3	3	2	8
Feeley's Bruisers	2	4	1	5
Denises' Tigers	1	7	0	2

COED UNDER 14	W	L	T	P
DeFilipi's Greyhounds	6	0	1	13
Blair's Blue Blasters	5	2	0	10
Francis' Mustangs	5	3	0	10
Cortis' Red Devils	4	4	0	8

## Brownies-Terriers Engage In Another Torrid Soccer Match

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

After their fine battle last week, Agawam High and West Springfield High met again Monday night at the Terriers' Clark Field. West Side had one thing on its mind; avenge the 4-3 loss the Brownies laid on them the week earlier.

West Side started things out fast. They took the play right to the Agawam net. Agawam was up to the challenge and thwarted the initial Terrier rush. Midway through the half, both teams settled into a midfield style of play, with the sweepers on both sides making sure the ball stayed in the middle of play.

The Brownies' senior midfielder, Brooke Hollister, was particularly impressive during this stage of the game. She was all hustle and intensity, intercepting passes, and running down loose balls. Her play took some of the fire out of the Terriers.

Perhaps the best first-half scoring opportunity for the Brownies came at 4:11. The always dangerous junior forward Sue DeFilipi launched a fine cross kick right in front of the West Side goal. But none of her mates could quite get to it. That had terrier coach Donna Coombs yelling at her troops. She obviously found that incident a little too close for comfort.

Meanwhile, the West Side faithful were all over the officials. It seems they wanted a bunch of holding calls on the Brownies. What they got, instead, was a thrill at 1:05.

Freshman forward Becky Donahue suddenly found herself alongside teammate Nancy Maser smack dab in front of the Brownie goal. Perhaps she was a little surprised to be there. But her shot, right on net, was gobbled up by Melissa Troie. With that threat defused, the clock ran out and it was scoreless after 40 minutes. Agawam had managed six shots on goal. West Springfield had four.

### West Side Didn't Waste Any Time

West Side didn't waste any time in the second half. Forty-six seconds in, Terrier forward Heather Klorer moved in on the left side of the Agawam goal and launched one from 15 yards out. Troie was able to make the save. But it was a tense moment.

Then, at 35:49, the Terriers' Krista Dicarlo pounded one from 10 yards out. Troie never had a chance. Tony Meola probably couldn't have stopped it. It was 1-0, West Springfield.

Then both teams started playing a little boot-ball as the Brownies attempted to settle down after the sudden Terrier score. All the while, West Side seemed to be getting to the ball a little quicker than Agawam. They were all getting to the refs, as well. Finally, their bench was warned for being too vocal.

At 5:21, Agawam was awarded a penalty kick. It's one of the most exciting aspects of soccer. Freshman forward Kristen Patterson was elected to take it. The Terriers' coach was screaming from the sidelines at her troops: "Don't over commit!" That advice evidently fell on deaf ears as Patterson took the kick from 20 yards out on the right side and drilled it cleanly into the left corner of the West Side goal. That made it one all. And that's the way it stood at the horn.

Brownie coach Bill O'Brien once again credited his defense for its fine play. He also noted that despite having gained a berth in the Western Mass Tournament, wins and ties are still vitally important because, "Who knows what the seeding committee might do?"

Agawam sees its record move to 8-4-2. They're 7-4-2 in the Coombs Division. West Side is 7-3-3 and 6-3-3 in the Coombs Division.

Cincotta's Green Leprechauns	3	5	0	6
Shaw's Tigers	2	4	2	6
Rennell's Gold	0	7	1	1

UNDER 10 BOYS	W	L	T	P
P. LeClair	6	1	1	13
F. Carr	6	1	1	13
M. Knodler	5	2	0	10
B. Hayden	3	4	1	7
B. Sabola	3	4	0	6
C. Roos	1	6	1	3
R. Martian	1	7	0	2



## Injured AHS Soccer Stars DeMarco & Schlaffer Sentenced To Sideline Duty Cheering On Mates

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Dina DeMarco and Erica Schlaffer are two nice kids. In addition to Agawam High (DeMarco is a senior, Schlaffer is a junior), both have a lot in common. Both are slightly laid back. Both are multi-sport stars, listing among their pursuits soccer, basketball, softball, skiing, and track. Both are in the high-ability scholastic program at the school. And they are doing well, with grade point averages over 3.0. And both are sitting on the Brownie soccer bench.

Don't take that the wrong way, now. Coach Bill O'Brien didn't sit them down, nor were they beaten out by other players. They were put there by plain old bad luck. You see, they have one other thing in common that they wish wasn't so—knee injuries.

Whenever the girls play, you can see them there, side by side, wearing their brown and orange warmups, watching the action intently, discussing the progress of the game, trying to be a part of it all. And you can see how badly they miss competing.

Recently, I had a chance to sit down and talk with both of them about their lives, school, and yes, their injuries. Dina, 18, is the daughter of Joseph and Dianne DeMarco. He's a financial advisor, she's a teacher. Dina has a sister, Jill, who's a junior varsity player. Erica is the only daughter of Drs. Joseph and Katherine Schlaffer, who are chiropractors.

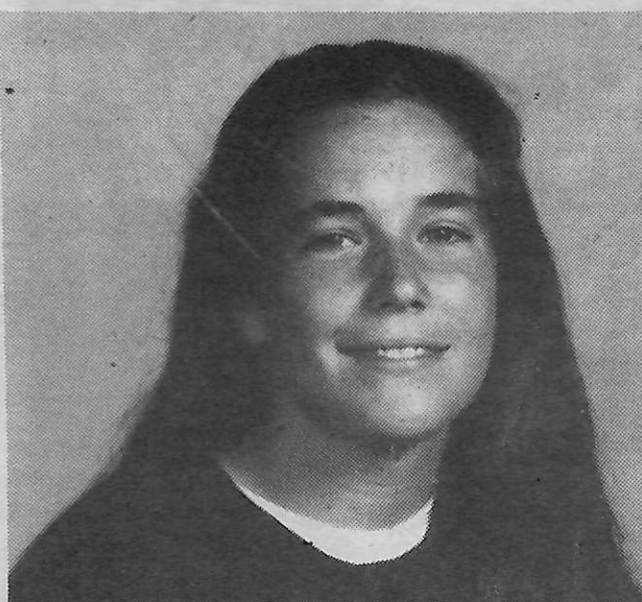
You could tell that both girls enjoyed their surroundings. We were talking on the soccer field. Since most kids aren't too keen on school of any kind, I asked them what their experiences at Agawam High meant to them. "It gets you ready for life," Dina said. "There's a lot of preparation to it. But it's fun," Erica added quickly.

What specific thing do they like? Dina stressed being with her friends, and pepperoni, bacon, and sausage pizza. She also likes the Beatles. "Once when I was injured, my mom bought me 'A Hard Day's Night,'" said Dina.

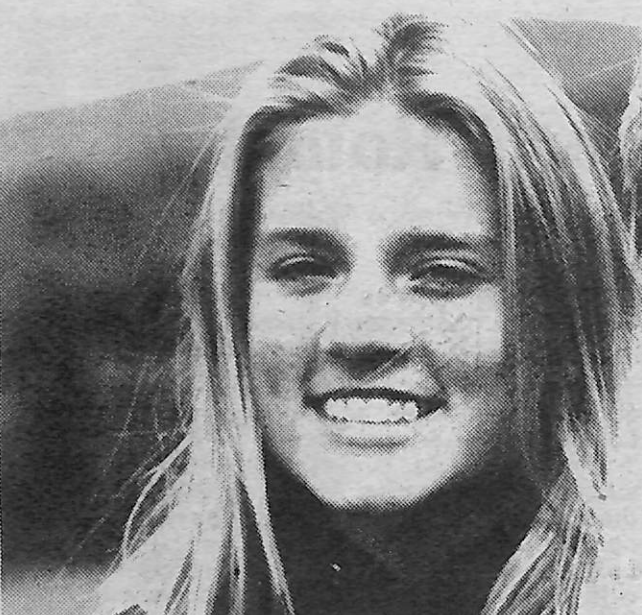
Erica didn't hesitate: "Music is a big part of my life. I like Pink Floyd." She also puts hiking and skiing at the top of her list. And it goes without question that they both love soccer.

### The Importance Of Having "Healthy Egos"

Both girls also have healthy egos, which for some people might seem a little tough to hear. Both were honest about that aspect of their per-



DINA DEMARCO



ERICA SCHLAFFER

sonalities. Dina commented, "If you don't believe you're good at what you do, nothing's ever going to happen to you." Erica agreed completely.

They carried that thought a bit further, explaining what being involved in sports means to them. For Dina it was "everything. I love all of them, especially soccer, basketball, and softball."

"Sports is a huge part of my life," Erica added. Then she threw in the ego side again: "If you're good, you get respect." She says she also loves being "part of the team."

Then it was time for the inevitable question about their injuries. Both girls' faces darkened a bit. "It's the most frustrating thing," Erica said, voice somber. "You want to pull your hair out. I want to help the team, but I can't."

Dina said it hurts because she was a scorer and had a name locally that soccer fans recognized. "I feel horrible. It's depressing, frustrating."

On their future in sports, perhaps it might be good to look at the history of their injuries. Dina has had six surgeries, three on each knee. Erica suffered anterior cruciate and M.C.L. damage to her knee during a game earlier this season against East Longmeadow. The hard fact is, many times knee injuries mean the end of your career.

That's when the feisty spirit bubbled up in both of them. Both emphatically stressed that they will be back. The doctors have said as much. Then Dina said quietly, "We're tough."

Both refused to speculate on what it would be like if sports were indeed over for them.

As far as plans go, Dina has several colleges looking at her. Included are Stonehill and Sienna. She'll definitely go someplace with a good soccer program—and play. Erica, of course, has another year at Agawam. Soccer will be a big part of the coming season.

How do they want to be remembered as Brownies? Dina smiled, obviously thinking of the good times: "As one of the most talented athletes ever at Agawam; one of the fiercest and toughest. I want them to say that I took pride in my teams and my school."

Erica laughed. "Ask me that next year," she said.

So, you'll see them sitting on the Brownie bench. Two stars whose stars became suddenly crossed, contributing as much as they can to their team and teammates. Let's hope they both will indeed be back.

## AHS Field Hockey Scores Morale Win Over West Side

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Last Tuesday night, Agawam's Harmon A. Smith Field was more fit for ducks than field hockey players. But being the tough groups that they are, Agawam and West Springfield did play in the deluge before perhaps 100 fanatical fans.

If you like scoring, this wasn't a game for you. Agawam won it, 1-0. West Side was game, but their 0-10-2 overall record and 0-8-1 Southern Conference slate also indicated that this year they are fair game for everybody.

The Brownies, for the most part, took full advantage of the hapless Terriers. Agawam started out in full stride. They were led by junior forward Becky Wing. She plays the right side on offense and she's a fearless net rusher. Senior Farah Lalli, another forward, is also consistently around the net, as is senior fullback Lauren Seymour. From 20:00 to 14:00 in the first half, they put constant pressure on the West Side goal.

You actually had to take your hat off to the scrambling style of defense the desperate Terriers were playing. They were everywhere because they had to be. But everyone could see it was just a matter of time.

Agawam had many chances for a goal and finally got one. At 13:30, Wing took a nice feed from Seymour and slammed the ball past West Side goalie Erin McCarthy. That was the way it stood throughout. Perhaps the most telling statistic of the half was time of possession. The Brownies controlled the ball either at midfield or in the Terrier



1994 AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL coaches and captains for the fall season take time out for a photo. photo courtesy of David Pulaski.

zone for 23 of the first 30 minutes.  
**More Of The Same...**

It was more of the same for the Agawam offense in the second half. They had a goal called back at 16:00 for being too high. And a little later they lost another one that appeared to cross the goal line but was neglected by the officials. The Brownies were a little frustrated by those two instances. Also, the field was getting slick and slippery. Players were finding traction difficult. A fall meant a good soaking. Agawam took the 1-0 win.

Afterwards, Brownie head coach Cindy Grieve said, "We should have had four or five goals." She

gave high praise to her defense. She also noted that they've been working in practice on "trying to beat the other team to the net." She still says she's trying to find the right combination on offense to generate more goal production.

The Brownies' overall record is now, 4-6-3. But more importantly, they stand at 4-2-3 in the Southern Division. They still aren't guaranteed a playoff spot. Grieve notes that their remaining games against Longmeadow, Southwick, and Westfield will be crucial to their post-season hopes.

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*Sports Of The 90's...***Believe It - Ethics Still Play Major Role In Sports At All Levels -----****by Dave Rollins**  
Sports Editor

What about ethics when it comes to athletic competition? Is there any such thing? These days sport on any level has become so competitive and intense that ethics would seem to take a back seat to all other considerations. Money, not ethics, would seem to be the name of the game now.

I don't think so. Sure, big money is part of it. It's the fuel that drives the engine. Many kids think they have what it takes to make that kind of cash. Many parents probably feel the same way about their kids.

Probably, some of the owners of professional teams earned the money to purchase those teams under questionable circumstances. You know, a shady business deal here and there; a partner cheated; some creative work on the books by a less-than-honest accountant. But even in these cynical times, rarely have I heard of the athletes themselves cheating or trying to hurt someone to win.

Maybe there was an occasional pitcher who kept a file in his back pocket to doctor up the baseball. Maybe some of them threw a spitball or two, or even a beanball. Maybe some of the hitters used a corked bat. Maybe some college basketball players shaved some points. Maybe some professional, college, or high school football players used steroids.

But when you come right down to it, the vast number of athletes on every level are ethical. There's one reason for it. A reason that is simple in its purity. All athletes essentially want to win on their own merits. They don't want help unless it comes from supportive teammates, parents, or friends.

I know I've said winning isn't every everything. I still believe that. The pursuit of that goal is what counts. It's a self-fulfilling prophecy. What makes

you successful is you. What makes the thrill of winning so enticing is knowing you did it by calling upon the only resource you really ever need—yourself.

**A Satisfying Feeling**

I think many coaches have always known this, especially when they see their team go out and give everything they have. Win or lose, that has to be a very satisfying feeling. There are no excuses. You did it the right way. You didn't use any extracurricular aids. You laid it on the line and let the chips fall where they were going to fall.

Agawam High football coach Dean Vecchiarelli put it well the other day while I was talking to him about the Brownies' loss to South Hadley. Though he admitted his club could have played better, he took nothing away from the Lions: "They beat us fair and square."

Then he paused and mentioned something that bothered him. He'd watched Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz talk about the B.C. game, which the Eagles won 30-11. "You know," Vecchiarelli said, "Holtz didn't give any credit to Boston College for playing well enough to win. He ignored them. That wasn't right."

You see, ethics go beyond the action on the field. It means saluting your worthy opponent. It also involves coaches who understand that fact. That's something they pass onto their players. It does two things. It makes the kids better people. And it puts the whole thing into perspective. Win or lose, you did it the right way, the honest way. That way there are no regrets.

Remember, there are places full of people with regrets. That's because they had no ethics, or very little. Possessing that quality is as important in life as in sports. It's nice to know it's a quality that the majority of us have not yet lost.

**Agawam Warriors Battle Tough Holyoke Knights**

The Agawam Youth Football teams lost the first game to Holyoke, but rebounded with a victory in the senior contest.

The visiting Knights overpowered the Junior Warriors, 42-8. Jesse Kelleher scored the lone touchdown for Agawam. Brian Santinello ran for the two-point conversion.

Kelleher had 74 yards on seven carries, and Santinello ran for 43 yards on eight attempts. Also running well for the young Warriors were Jeremy Musa, Joel Lancour, Ryan Lottermoser, Mike Locke, and Mike Graveline.

Jeff Robinson was the leading receiver for Agawam. Matt Dion led the defense with five tackles. He was followed by Bill Menard, Brian Santinello, Mike Bonesteel, Sean Burke, Dave Pashek, Brian Pedersen, Jesse Kelleher, Joel Lancour, Tony Liquori, Jeff Zucco, Isidro Aquinaga, Peter Forastiere, and Andy Huffman. Bill Menard recovered a Holyoke fumble as well.

Once again, the Junior Warriors showed the crowd that quitting isn't in their vocabulary, as they battled hard all day.

The seniors avenged an earlier loss to Holyoke with an 8-0 win on Sunday. Head coach Bill Biebel and his coaches had the players ready to dominate the Knights. Agawam High head football coach Dean Vecchiarelli came down and gave the boys a pep talk as well during the week.

Mike Buoniconti scored in the second period and converted the two-point attempt. Bob Fuller was the leading receiver for the Warriors with two catches for 23 yards. He was followed by Mike Buoniconti. Mike was the leading rusher with 73 yards on 25 carries.

Other rushers were Matt Slattery, Ryan Drobot, and Russ Smith. The senior defense stood their ground all day by only allowing the Knights 36 yards on offense. Brian Gallagher led the defense with six tackles (he is the team's leading tackler through six games). He was followed on Sunday by Russ Smith, Mike Buoniconti, Bob Fuller, Matt Slattery, Rob Liard, Ryan Drobot, Justin Petrangelo, and Eric Preston.

Brian St. Jean intercepted a Holyoke pass to stop the Knights right in their tracks. The seniors are the one team in the league no one looks forward to playing because of their drive and desire. The other teams know that the Agawam seniors will be giving them the game of their lives.

Agawam Youth Football's final home game is this Sunday, October 23rd, against the Northampton Blue Devils. Please come out and support your local players and cheerleaders.

The Agawam Youth Football Association is sponsoring a dance on Saturday, October 22nd, to raise funds for the players' equipment.

The dance will be held from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Agawam VFW. The tickets are \$5 each and can be bought at the door.

If you have a prize to donate, please call Curt Fuller at 786-7040.

**Agawam's "Town Night" For Boys' Soccer On Oct. 24th**

Monday, October 24th, is "Town Night," as the boys' varsity soccer team hosts Northampton at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam High School field. All A.S.A. and Pioneer Valley youth players will get in for half-price with their team jersey.

There will be individual and team prizes for the most visible and most vocal fans. Please bring noise-makers such as pennies in a soda can, horns, drums, etc. (please, no whistles).

**Soccer Asso. Standings**

UNDER 12 BOYS	W	L	T	P
McLean's Green Machine	7	1	1	15
Campana's Yellow Jackets	7	2	0	14
Adamski's Red Devils	5	2	2	12
Chretien's Blue Lightning	3	3	3	9
Hamre's Blue Bombers	2	4	3	7
Drewniak's Maroon Marauders	2	5	2	6
Pilegi's Orange Crush	3	6	0	6
Mouneimneh's White Nights	0	6	3	3

Check our classified pages

**Lou Conte To Return As Coach Of AHS Girls' Hoop Team****by Kathy Cassanelli**  
News Editor

When he left the gym for a front-office job in September, Lou Conte tossed aside the sweats to become one of the "suits."

But Conte will be digging out those gym clothes when he returns as the girls' varsity basketball coach after Thanksgiving.

Last week, Conte announced his decision to continue coaching the team he led to a Western Massachusetts championship last year after getting the OK from the superintendent of schools.

As director of athletics at AHS, Kathleen McSweeney said, "I'm thrilled to have Lou back."

Newly appointed as the assistant principal at the Middle School, Conte said, "This job is the most important thing. The kids at the Middle School definitely come first."

Conte said while he is confident he can fulfill his duties as an assistant principal and a coach, he was approaching his return to coaching as a one-year position. At the end of one year, he will re-evaluate the position.

"We've always told our kids if you can't give 100

percent to whatever you're doing, you step back and let someone else try."

**Will Retain Long-Standing Coaching Style**

Conte said that while he keeps up with modern techniques and technology, he has no plans to change the coaching style that has worked for him for 37 coaching seasons in Agawam.

"It's important to let the players know they are valuable," Conte said. "There's always one who can score more points, but that doesn't mean the others are not just as important to the team."

Working to create a team atmosphere is the basis of Conte's approach to instilling the values that will serve his players for the rest of their lives.

"We're there to make better people of our athletes, and to make the world a better place to live," Conte said.

With all the ups and downs of the rollercoaster ride of coaching, he gets the most satisfaction out of hearing from his former players as they keep him posted on the milestones of their lives: new job, marriage, and children.

**PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime, but we do appreciate those who bring in their copy on Monday. We open at 6:30 a.m. weekdays. Our load of copy is getting heavier each week so please, don't be late. Thanks.**



## Sportsmen's Corner

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### While Bowhunting In Vermont...

The opening of the bow season in Vermont found me at Harry Leverque's camp in East Concord, Vermont.

I joined two other hunters, Joe Reale of East Longmeadow and Glenn Guyer (a fireman) from Springfield. Joe and Glenn had arrived two days before me because of a doctor's appointment I had to attend to.

When I drove around the camp to unload at the back door, a hanging doe on the deer pole caught my attention. Upon inquiring, I learned that Joe had dispatched the feeding animal the night before. I thought things were looking good. I was in for a surprise.

Woodcutters cut out 50 to 100 acres at a time and leave an island of trees between cuts. The disgusting part of the harvest is that it is a clean cut right to the tiniest twig. No trees are planted in the clear land; it is left to nature to start a grove of trees again. However, nature just sprouts up weeds and small bushy vegetation that is attractive to moose. Deers are found in small groups and far in-between.

I had a stand that showed deer activity during the night. However, for the time I was there, it remained nighttime feeding.

I never did see a deer; moose, yes—a cow with a monstrous bull on her tail came by me no more than 40 yards away. I had left the camera in the camp and kicked myself all the way home for the experience.

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I've just returned from opening up the New York season with Teddy Leal, Jim Wheeler, Kevin Manning, Brian Bletz and his son Brian. We all saw deer, but Ted Leal was the lucky member who nailed a nice 100-pound doe.

I had a nice stand in a funnel between two bogs of water and a hill.

The sign on the four trails joining together was very real and up-to-date. The first morning, I was sitting in my ground blind waiting for first light when sounds of deer on the various trails was heart-wracking; I could hear them and I could smell them as they passed me on the way to a bedding section on the adjoining posted land.

The weather turned colder the next day, and Brian Sr. and Brian Jr. both saw deer feeding from their stands on top of the ridge. None of the deer offered a bow shot. The colder weather caused the deer to feed longer in the morning before laying up for the day.

Again, one deer was taken by Ted Leal; he is on a roll, and he took it on the evening hunt. The doe walked under his tree stand. He is done in New York till the gun season.

I'm on my way back up with Kevin. I had to return home to get my motor home winterized by Beaver Campers Co. on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. If you haven't attended to this small chore, I remind you that time is getting short.

#### Has the ESA Gone Too Far?

According to a recent report to Congress, nearly 40 percent of the plants and animals protected under the ESA (Endangered Species Act) are stable or improving. Four species have recovered to the point that they were removed from the list completely.

But has the system "gone too far"? In their zeal to protect species from being blatantly obliterated from the earth, have those that administer the ESA or influence its application forgotten the human factor, the continual evolution and changing nature of ecosystems, or plain ol' common sense? Many would argue yes, and if recent court cases are any indication, the judicial system seems to be agreeing.

In March of this year, the U.S. Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia ruled that the USFWS's extension of the definition of "taking" to include habitat was not lawful under the ESA.

Congress has focused on "takings," too—the prohibition of certain activities on private lands in order to protect species listed under the ESA. By some estimates, up to one half of the endangered species are found on private lands, and in many cases the value of the lands has plummeted because of endangered species found there.

Increasingly, the application of the ESA in the aquatic environment is becoming more contentious. For instance, the state of Nevada was notified that the introduction of largemouth bass

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**THE WINNING TEAM** in the Seventh Annual Timothy Sunstrom Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament included, from left - Kathy Saucier, Lee Ross, Nancy Caron, and George Saucier.



**LINKSTERS AT THE RECENT Timothy Sunstrom Memorial Golf Tournament.** Back row, from left - Bill Brutnell, Bob Boulrice, George Saucier, and John Joe Martin. KNEELING - Le Maynard and Tim Herlihy.

## Timothy Sunstrom Golf Tourney Raises Good Money For Scholarship

On August 2nd, the seventh Annual Timothy Sunstrom Memorial Scholarship Golf Tourney was held at the Agawam Country Club, with 120 golfers participating. A smorgasbord followed at the John Boyle O'Reilly Club, 33 Progress Avenue, Springfield.

The tournament raised in excess of \$4,800 and over the past seven years, \$7,750 in scholarships

to deserving Western Massachusetts has been awarded. Recipients are listed on a plaque displayed at Agawam High School, where Timothy attended and later graduated.

The members of the committee thank all who have participated and donated over the years to this endeavor and look forward to the eighth annual tournament, scheduled for August 20, 1995.



## Four-Way Tie For 1st Place In Weekly Tri-Parish Bowling League

Round One in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League continues to heat up with four teams, Boston College, Fordham, Georgetown, and Holy Cross all with seven wins and are separated only by total team pinfall.

First place Boston College took on last place Notre Dame (4 wins) this past week. BC winners included PAUL LAGODITZ (325, best score in this match) and Captain JOHN MLINEK, a 298 to 297 winner over ND Captain FLO ROCHFORD. Flo is rolling at 98.2 in the unclassified division, while Mlinek is in fifth place in the Men's A at 93.4.

The ND winners included leadoff JAY LAGODITZ (256) and third roller JOHN LONGCRINI (289). Longcrini is in second place in the Men's B (98.5) while Jay leads the Women's C at 80.5.

In the second match of the night, Fordham met sixth place St. Louis (6 wins). The two Fordham winners were TONY "I'm Not A Captain" KOZAK (273), and hot rolling Captain OLLIE MULDER, who launched a searing 376. Jolly Ollie is the league's top roller this year at 117.5. He soundly thrashed St. Lou Captain GLEN ADAMS (298). The two St. Lou winners were leadoff AUDREY PHILLIPS (236) and TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (294). "Not Tony" is in second in the Men's A (102.3), while Audrey rolls in third place in Women's C (79.1).

In the next matchup, third place Georgetown faced seventh place St. Mary (4 wins). G-Town winners include DON STITT, JR. (291) and veteran Captain DEBBIE POIRIER, the perennial top dog for the women year in and year out. Debbie rolled a solid 338 in defeating St. Mary's Captain STEVE "I've Got A Bone To Pick" BONESTEEL (314). Steve is the top gun in the Men's A at 104. Debbie rolls at a 112.4 clip, which is good for second place in the entire league.

The two St. Mary's winners were reliable leadoff STELLA BARBIERI (259) and TERRY CERPOVICZ (308). Stella is top gun in Women's B at 88.7 while Terry tops the leader board in Women's A at 95.8.

In the final match of the night, fourth place Holy Cross hooked-up with fifth place St. Anselm (6 wins) and it was a hotly contested match. HC winners were leadoff CAROL POIRIER (263, second in Women's C at 79.2) and FRANK CERPOVICZ (278, fourth in Men's A at 96.7).

Winning rollers for St. A's included VENETTA SNYDER (266-264 over DORIS FORTIER) and Captain LOU MULDER, a 337-291 conquerer of HC Captain JOHN "Smiley" REILLY. Lucky Louie is second in Men's AA at 105.2 (behind Jolly Ollie) while Smiley Reilly is third in Men's AA at 103.3.

See you next week.

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from a different genetic stock would be interpreted as threatening to native populations of razorback suckers, even though largemouth bass are now resident to the system and stocking has been occurring for years!

The USFWS has interpreted the augmentation of an existing resident species as an introduction of a new species which may harm native fishes. This is in spite of the lack of evidence showing that the two species compete for the same food source.

I believe that who is doing what is taken seriously by the ESA group based on whether they raise questions or not. Case in point: A few years ago, a utility company dug a ditch and laid pipe and cables across the Connecticut River from West Springfield to Springfield. I recall that no mention of the hundreds of endangered insects and other bugs and such were being disturbed and denied their right to remain undisturbed on the bottom of the river.

Now we have an individual who wants to use the Connecticut River and (in the process) wants to enlarge the mouth of a small brook in order to build a casino. Immediately, the hue and cry is that hundreds of endangered species are going to be destroyed by the construction.

I ask like the Congress asks ... where is the scientific proof that this is going to happen—that there are hundreds of endangered species living at the mouth of this little brook? People may not want a casino, but let's be fair and present proof of facts.

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## Brownie Booters Stay In Tourney Hunt With Win Over Amherst, 3-2

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam boys' soccer team headed north last Tuesday afternoon for a game against the Hurricanes of Amherst Regional High School. The Brownies are hunting for a playoff berth. Amherst seemed like a team that could be had.

One of the hallmarks of this Agawam team is good ball control. They started out doing just that. At 30:29, they worked it into junior midfielder Mike Domaingue, who had a sure score. But he hit a goalie's best friend—the post. Undaunted, Agawam continued their patient stalking of the Hurricane net.

This time, junior midfielder Jeff Rousseau and his linemate, senior fullback Derek Poole, began working the Amherst zone, once again showing good anticipation and foot speed. The Brownie players were also getting off some fine header play, which is probably more fun to watch than it is effective if a player is too far from the goal. Midfielder Brian Chechile had a couple of nice ones. One sour incident in the half; Domaingue got a yellow card for throwing an elbow and delivering a kick to a Hurricane player and had to sit for a spell.

Coach Northrup, perhaps thinking his troops were more concerned with fancy footwork than working close for a score, started yelling at them from the side lines that they were taking too long to set up. They must have heard him because they began to press the attack a little more.

At 26:00, Hurricane midfielder Robert Russell and fullback Ryan Howes pushed the ball hard towards the Brownie goal. The result of their attack was a direct kick by Russell at 20:00. It was a low blast and it was blocked on a nice play by Agawam sweeper Todd Boskiewicz which defused (for the moment, at least) the Amherst drive.

Agawam took advantage of the lull and a minute later they were involved in a melee in front of the Amherst net. A lot of feet were on the ball, but the one that counted was attached to Agawam senior forward Aaron Hill, who put it in and put his club up 1-0. Amherst countered at 11:30 with a pretty goal by Nuon Nueon. He set up on the right side and booted a nice curve ball from 40 feet that had too much hook on it for Brownie keeper Jeff Gaylor. Make it one all. That's how the

half ended.

### The Second Half Begins...

Three minutes into the second half, Agawam scored an equally fine goal. Chris Chechile was patrolling the left side of the Hurricane net when he got the ball. The junior forward then calmly passed it right out front where Chris Blitzas was waiting. He just as calmly knocked it home. It was such a well-executed play that it seemed to happen in slow motion. The Brownies went up 2-1.

The scoring wasn't over for the Brownies. Here's where we got to see the powerful leg of Todd Boskiewicz. Brian Chechile was surrounded by Amherst defenders in front of the Hurricane net. Todd was 10 yards up field. Chechile passed it out to him. The 6'3" senior sent a 20-yard worm-burner through everybody. Amherst keeper Seamus Stack never saw it coming. The Brownies now had a 3-1 cushion.

The Hurricanes refused to lay down, however. They had a cross kick late in the second half. Midfielder Nate Adams hit it dead on. Robert Russell was waiting. Suddenly it was 3-2 Agawam. All of a sudden it was edgy business.

At that point Agawam started playing some ferocious defense, led by Boskiewicz, Poole, and Rousseau. Both teams were getting physical. Things became extremely fast-paced, highlighted by fine dribbling and good ball control. One key to the final minutes was Boskiewicz. Time and again, he intercepted penetrating Hurricane passes and booted them out of the Brownie zone. A final Amherst direct kick failed, and Agawam came away with the 3-2 win.

The key to this one, according to Brownie mentor Northrup—"our midfield." He also mentioned their shooting, which he stressed had to improve after their 2-2 tie with Central last week. In that game, they had 30 shots on goal; in this one, they outshot Amherst 18-11.

They aren't in the playoffs yet. That won't be decided until next week. But Northrup feels their chances are excellent. "We played the iron of our schedule early on," he stated, adding, "From here on in, our schedule is a lot lighter. I think we'll get enough points to make it." The Brownies now go to 4-6-2 overall and 4-5-2 in the Moriarty Division.

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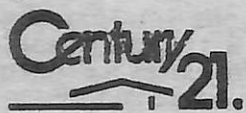
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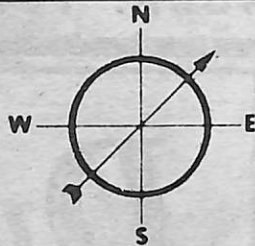
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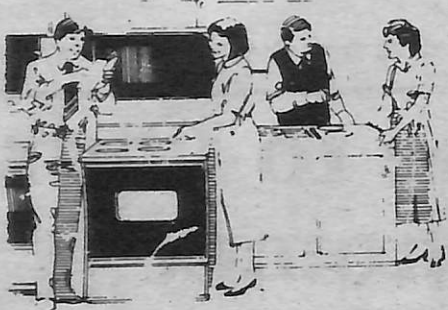
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Unfortunately, untrue rumors about "problems" continue to float around town.

**We want you to have the facts** so that you can make an informed decision on November 8th. Anyone with any questions on the project should feel free to drop by the River Belle II Information Center we opened at 517 Springfield Street. We want to answer your questions, and we pledge to continue working closely with the entire community. Together, we can improve Agawam's economic future! Please **vote "YES" on Question No. 11.**

Very Truly Yours,  
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